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# Portage High School



The pomps showing their spirit at a home football game is a prime example of Indian spirit. We are all part of Portage High School and we have reason to be proud.

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During the Homecoming festivities many clubs participated in the parade down Central Ave. The foreign language clubs, instead of making a float, marched in red and white. Another joint effort of the language clubs was their annual Christmas party.

*We are*

## Portage High School

by Amie Fieder  
and Rachel Junkin

**W**e are a large high school, one of the largest in the state. As of Oct. 1, 1984, there were 2,759 students enrolled at PHS. The seniors have the smallest class with 518 students. The freshman class was largest with 797.

Though PHS had many students, it did not really have a great variety ethnically. According to a survey of the student body, Caucasians made up 86% of all students enrolled. Almost 3% of the students claimed some Indian heritage. About 3% of the student body was Latino and 1.3% was Oriental. Only .006% was black and 1.7% came from some other background.

FHS prepares students for all areas of life. Of the 1983 graduates 24% attended

a four-year college, 15% found semi-skilled jobs, 4% entered the military and 5% attended business college or technical school. However, 15% remained unemployed for at least a year after graduation.

Academically the students body that entered FHS seemed average, according to CTES tests given to freshmen. In 1983 on Scholastic Aptitude Tests, Portage seniors averaged a verbal score of 413 and a math score of 431. The state-wide average for Indiana was 410 verbal and 454 math.

We aren't just statistics; we are individuals. Individuals who win contests, break records, join clubs and pass tests. This book is about people doing new, exciting things and people following routine. Students, teachers, administrators, cooks, janitors and secretaries are all a part of PHS. We are FHS.



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Performing during halftime of a varsity football game, junior Kym Pritchard helps to spur on the team to a victory.



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Sophomore Todd Warns and freshman Scott Hoxsenan wait for the 4:30 activity hour. The activity buses took students home from after school activities for 25 cents.



Summer band practice took lots of time and patience. Beth Vornallis, junior, was one of the drum majors for the school year. Marching Indians practiced two weeks in August to get ready for the football season.

Senior Stacey Mueller wins the 1984-85 pageant, becoming Portage's new Junior Miss. The contestants for this title were judged on poise and appearance, youth fitness, academic performance, talent and a personal interview with the judges.



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Music played by the band Blade was popular at the 1984 Portage Jamboree. Sophomore Mike Jones plays the drums during the night of music at the Jamboree.

Junior David Williams and freshman Jeff Campbell enjoy a joke while walking through a routine for marching band. All but freshman band members were required to join the marching band in addition to the regular course.



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Portage

## Celebrates 25th year

by Rachel Junkin  
and Arnie Fielder

Portage is basically a bedroom community for the steel mills with more than 30,000 residents. However, 25 years ago Bethlehem Steel was just a rumor and Portage Township was a sprawling farming community. Nevertheless, on June 15, 1958, Portage officially became a city. On the same day, Midwest Steel Co. issued a statement that the company was planning a \$100 million mill on its Burns Ditch site.

Twenty-five years later, to celebrate Portage's Silver Anniversary, the annual Grand Prix Jamboree included many special events. The traditional autocross race on Central Avenue took place as did the Jr. Miss competition. Besides these events there was a band show, free bowling night and softball tourney. Jaycee members sponsored a carnival in the Meadows

Shopping Center. A Big Wheel contest, tug-of-war, games, rides and prizes were just a few fun parts of the carnival.

Even the Park Department and the public library got into the spirit of things with special activities planned.

Twenty-five years isn't a long time, but many changes have occurred in Portage during that period. The greatest change was in population. With the mills came people from all over. The steel industry was a bonanza. Some non-college graduates were earning more than \$30,000 a year at the mills. Then in 1979 the recession hit and workers found out what it meant to be laid off—some for months at a time and others permanently.

In 1985 the recession was over. Things were improving all over the nation, although Northwest Indiana still had serious problems. Portage has faced these problems, and more changes are in the works.

In the opening number of the competition, the Portage Junior Miss contestants dance and sing to the Hucklebuck. The Junior Miss competition was aired on MetroVision.





Shakey's was a popular place to go on Friday nights for many students. After a home game students who went to Shakey's were required to pay a dollar admission which counted toward their order.

*We Are*

## Not only students

*by Rachel Junkin*

**W**e are not simply students. We are stock car racers, ballet and break dancers, musicians, basketball players, computer programmers, karate students and fishermen. We don't spend all our time in school or even studying. Many activities are peculiar to a few students, while some are shared by almost everyone. Television seemed to be an important part of most PHS students' lives.

The average viewer spent 14 hours in front of the TV screen a week, while extremes ranged from those who watched no television to those who claimed to watch 100 hours a week.

Another common activity was going out or just hanging around with friends. Friends meant a lot to teenagers. In fact, to many students they seemed to be more

important than family. Seventy-two per cent of students surveyed indicated they spent more time with their friends than with their family. Eighteen per cent showed a preference toward family, while 10 per cent spent the same amount of time with family and friends.

In a city such as Portage, where many students found little to do, extracurricular activities served a vital function. They gave students a chance to socialize and participate in activities with their peers. At Portage 40/25 per cent of the students participated in extracurricular activities.

Learning was not limited to school. Fifteen per cent of PHS students took some kind of private lessons.

All figures mentioned in this article were from a random survey. There is a five per cent margin of error for all numbers.



**For the Junior Miss** talent competition, senior Deanna Jones performs a ballet routine. All different types of dancing, from breaking to aerobics, have become very popular.

**Junior Kevin Smith** waves as junior Jerry Burke pushes him on a moped. Bikes and mopeds were the only forms of transportation for many teenagers not lucky enough to own a car or have the use of their family's.



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**The Chicago Skyline**, only about 30 miles away, was a common sight for FHS students visiting the Windy City.

## My Summer

by Dawn Bell

My English teacher told me to write a theme about how I spent my summer. Why do they do this to us every year?

Well, my summer was off to a great start, beach party! I couldn't wait until that final bell of the past school year would ring, setting loose hundreds of us students overtaken by summer fever. I had my summer planned: fun in the sun and a long deserved break for three months. All I had to worry about now was looking for my summer job.

No problem, I thought. Well, after a two-week search, I finally landed a job in a local fast food chain. The training was a real bummer. It had to have been the nicest day of summer ever. No beach for me, though, I'm a modern working teen of the 80's. How could this be happening to me? Every day for the next three weeks straight seemed to be the nicest day of summer. Working in this hot, greasy, fly-invaded pit had to stop sooner or later. Well, after one month and 13 days, I quit! Now it's time to enjoy my summer, I told myself.

My dad made the big announcement, we had to go visit my aunt in Florida and we were leaving on this family vacation in two weeks.

The time before our trip I spent going to the beach, visiting the mall and seeing a couple of the latest movies. My friends and I were inseparable. I even met the cutest guy at the beach and we went out a couple times. However, he was trying out for the varsity football team and he was always at practice.

My big vacation week finally arrived. It was one of the worst weeks of summer, excluding my job. It rained twice and I had a cold the other three out of five days. Besides, my aunt's house was swarming with mosquitoes.

Well, by the time I got home and settled in again I was ready to get back to school. I missed getting up early, studying late and carrying tons of homework back and forth on a crowded school bus. I don't know what had come over me, but I missed school.

The last few weeks of my summer were spent school shopping and getting back into my normal routine.

**A peaceful sunset** at the beach is enjoyed by people of all ages. West Beach often filled up by 10 a.m. on summer days.



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Janet Belcher, senior, and Valeri Smith, junior, enjoy a nice summer day at Woodland Park.

Gusich



Sophomore Brian Batronis gives an impromptu performance at a home football game. Marching Indians played before the game and during halftime.

A common sight at the beginning of school was the comparing of schedules. Here, Mike Lavery and Mike Babcock take a moment to discuss their schedules.



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## Shakes, shivers plague students on first day

by Catherine Foley

**A**s alarm clocks rang at 5 a.m. sleepy students tumbled out of bed and into the shower to get ready for a new school year.

Though many students did not look forward to the beginning of school, senior Pam Gucich did. "It gave me the chance to see all the friends that I didn't see over the summer," Principal Forrest Rhode also had a comment about the start of a new school year. "We're a big school and it takes a while to get rolling, but so far we have had a smooth start."

Butterflies in the stomach were a common first day illness. Sophomore Suzi Fredel commented that she was nervous about not having anyone she knew in her

classes. However, freshman Beverly Gobin didn't have any qualms about her first day. "What could go wrong?" she questioned. Mr. Rhode had slight anxieties about the beginning of school. "There is always that little nagging thought on the back of your mind about 'did I do this?' or 'did I forget to do that?'"

The annual review of the student handbook caused many groans among students. Jim Campbell, junior, said, "I hate it. They (the administrators) act like we have not already been through it two other years and that we can't read." Mr. Rhode had another opinion to give. "The review of the handbook is important realistically and legally. The legal aspects are in some cases it might be important to say 'Yes, the student was informed of the

rules.'" Mr. Rhode added that Student Council had input for the handbook. "It's not just a bunch of teachers sitting around making rules."

Even if the students didn't like the review on the first day, there were things they did like. Suzi liked seeing everyone from last year again, and Jim shared her feelings.

Speaking of orientation day, Pam said, "I could relax and try to find my classes, without worrying about getting in the way of the upperclassmen."

Mr. Rhode's thoughts about the rest of the year were "be happy and keep hanging in there."



Kris Levenda, sophomore, purchases a snack from the vending machines. The first day the machines were installed, they did not work.



Christy Propp, junior, bumps a ball during a team practice. The team practiced many long hours to prepare for the season.



Chyrl Wilson, junior, waits barefoot for the start of a German Club meeting.

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The varsity football team participates in the Homecoming parade the day before the game.

Senior Bill O'Reilly flashes his legs on Koko/Slipper day. Students were required to wear clothing underneath.

Hall decorations won the seniors third place.



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*Spirit  
Week*

The seniors cheer at the last pep session of their high school years during 10th hour. They placed second in the sound competition.

## Competitions dominated by freshmen

by Laura Haines

Students walking around in sheets, robes and slippers or "nerd" attire were just some of the sights seen around FHS during the annual occurrence called Spirit Week.

Spirit Week, the five school days preceding the Homecoming game, was filled with constructive competition between the classes, and between the clubs and organizations. First place in the float competition went to the seniors and freshmen in a tie. Juniors were second, with sophomores last. Freshmen took first in hall decorations, with juniors second, seniors third and sophomores fourth.

Every day of Spirit Week the student body dressed according to a different theme. Monday, college sweatshirts and buttons abounded in the halls. Students

donned robes and slippers Tuesday. This was a favorite of some people, because, as sophomore Cheryi Hutman said, "You could be comfortable like when you're at home."

A new addition to Spirit Week, Nerd-/Clash day, was received well by most students. Senior Jeff Evans listed Nerd day as his preference because, "Kids got to dress up like their parents did back when they were in school."

Thursday was Toga day. "It was weird watching everyone walk around in a sheet," Candy Johnson, sophomore, said. The traditional Red and White day ended the dress-up week.

The pep session was the grand finale of the fun-filled week. Screams and cheers reverberated throughout the gym, expressing FHS' spirit. The juniors won the

sound competition, seniors took second, and sophomores and freshmen tied for third.

Freshmen took first in the dress-up part of the Spirit Week competition. Seniors and juniors tied for second, with sophomores last. Overall, the spirited freshmen came in first. Another tie between the seniors and juniors resulted in second, and, again, the sophomores were last.

In a survey, most students responded that FHS needed more spirit, and Tom Davis, junior, said the school's morale could be raised "by having Spirit Week for an important game in every sport, not just football Homecoming." Many students wanted more pep sessions throughout the year.

**Wearing to gas.** Seniors Keith Filfield, Brian Jarstak and Matt Hale relax in the commons. Trudy Snider didn't dress up.

**In mascot uniform.** Student Council president Tolone Gilbert converses with Principal Forrest Rhode at the pep rally.





**Homecoming Court** — Front Row: Jim Clark (Mr. Football). Back Row: Christy Klein, Terri Scrippin, Lisa Wilkins (Queen), Terri Yuill, Stacey Mueller.

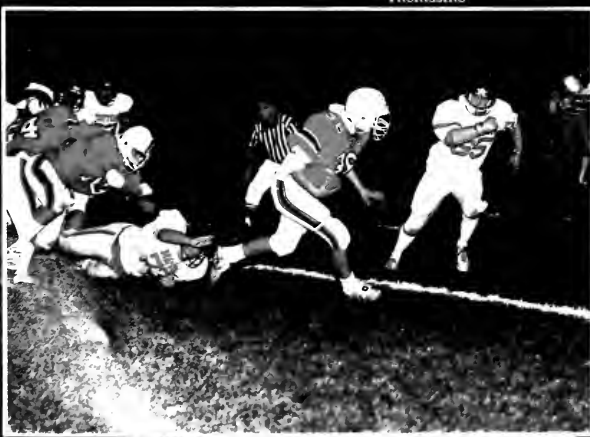
**At the dance,** seniors Lori Romanov, Felinda White and Markena Cusks enjoy themselves. The dance was sponsored by Student Council.

**The freshmen show off** their float at the Homecoming parade. Their float tied for first with the seniors.

**Rob Wishnevski, senior,** breaks away from the pack. Portage defeated Hammond-Martin, 28-1.



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Home-  
coming

## Something different for everyone

by Laura Haines

Homecoming and all its activities meant different things for everyone.

First, the football team had to practice hard to win the Homecoming game. "We always like to win Homecoming because we feel Homecoming... has continued to evolve and revolve around football," but "it's never easy," Coach Les Klein said. Winning the Homecoming game and beating Hammond Morton, 25-0, presented the opportunity for Portage to be in the playoffs.

For the different grades, Homecoming meant hurrying to get their floats completed, or just trying to save them from destruction at the hands of the competition. The administration had considered calling off Homecoming activities because of the damage to some of the floats, Principal Forrest Rhode said. This was the negative aspect of competition. Homecoming was

designed to "express our school spirit in a collective way" with "enthusiastic competition," Mr. Rhode added.

Homecoming was "lots of work to get everything done, but a lot of fun watching and hearing about all the celebrations" to Melanie Oness, the sophomore French Club president. Her efforts won the French Club second place in the hall decoration contest among the clubs. The marching band won first.

The Homecoming game was also a special night for the Marching Indians. "We just wanted to perform our best show, because it was our last time out," said Melanie, a member of the Auxiliary Corps.

A special opportunity to the alumni of IHS was also presented by the Homecoming activities. They were invited to come home to their high school for the dance after the game, hence the term "Homecoming."

The varsity football team elected Jim Clark, senior, as Mr. Football. Christy Klein, Stacey Mueller, Terri Scroggin, Lisa Wilkins and Terri Yude were all nominated by the senior class to be candidates for Homecoming Queen. At the

game, an ecstatic Lisa was crowned queen by last year's queen, Debbie Drell.

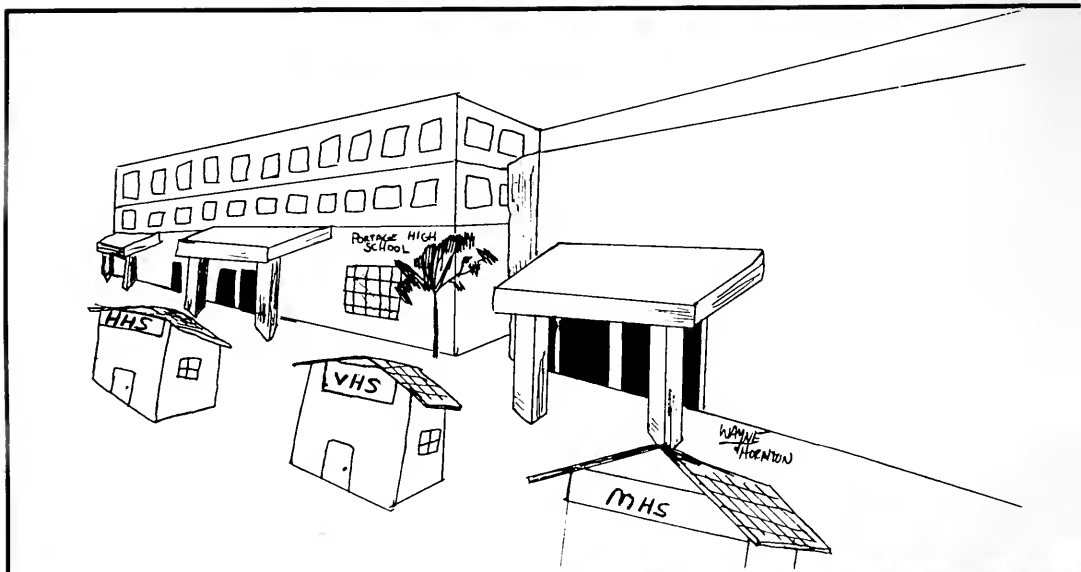
Basically, "Homecoming meant showing spirit, having some and most importantly, winning the football game," as Dan Johnson, junior, said.

The varsity football team enters the field at the start of a victorious Homecoming game.

The crowd cheers in the football team at the game. Coach Les Klein said the cheering gives the players moral support and helps them play better.



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Students complained frequently about school lunches, but Bill Parish, junior, Mark Kincheloe, senior, Seth Irvin and Tim Levenda, both juniors, seemed to enjoy it. Most would have admitted the lunches were better than most.

The drawing conveys most students' impression of PHS, that it is bigger and better than its rivals.

Number two ranked in the state after Duneland Conference, boys' cross country rated well against area schools and ended up winning the state championship. John Lowery and Jerry Fogarty, both seniors, take a break at a meet.



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The cheerleaders and pom poms show that "we have more spirit," as one student said of PHS. Portage varsity football lost that night to Merrillville.

PHS:

## How does it rate?

by Laura Haines

Life outside PHS? It does exist, but within PHS there is more to offer students than most schools could give. The reason is that PHS is so much bigger than most high schools in Indiana, especially since it has expanded to encompass the West building. "When you are large, that enables you to have more opportunities," Principal Forrest Rhode said.

Being a big school has many advantages. For instance, this yearbook is priced less expensively than ones from small schools, because each book is cheaper bought in large quantities. Some students had to pay as much as \$25 or more for a yearbook.

Also, the large facility allows for more extracurricular and academic opportunities. Some schools do not have soccer, girls' cross country, or girls' track, to name a few. Computer programming, ad-

vanced math and science, journalism and vocational classes are just some of the things not offered by other schools. There were many alternatives to required courses at PHS. One could take dramatics or debate and still receive a speech credit. "Our all-round facilities are one of the best around," Mr. Rhode said. Most area schools have nowhere near as many electives as PHS has.

The student body seemed to think they had it good. "I think we have more spirit and we're a great school. I think everyone takes pride in what our school looks like," Pam Hines, senior, said.

"Portage is okay, really; it is bigger and different. Some people are stuck up, but the classes and teachers are fun and easier," said Patty Powell, a junior who transferred from Merrillville High and compared the two schools. Another transfer, James Scroggins, a junior from Fairhaven Academy, said, "It's more relaxed.

People are nicer, more helpful."

The foreign exchange students offered an interesting comparison of PHS to their schools. "It's bigger and there are a lot more students," said Torben Sorensen, sophomore, from Denmark. He also said that there are about 20 students per classroom in Denmark, and the teachers travel from class to class. The amount of homework is "the same" as overseas.

In a survey, most responded that PHS was better than most other schools, but one student felt differently. "This school just gets people in and out and doesn't really care how the students feel." However, the general response that most students gave was, "It's great!"

# Reagan, Prince among top names;

## June

Richard Kirby, a Portage resident, was convicted for the murder of his son. Kirby was sentenced to spend 60 years in prison.

Rev. Jesse Jackson met with Fidel Castro of Cuba to obtain the release of 48 prisoners. Among the 48 released were 22 Americans.

## July

Alton Coleman and Debra Brown were captured on July 20 after a murder spree encompassing six states including Indiana.

The Olympic games started in Los Angeles.

An oil refinery in Romeoville, Ill. exploded. Twenty-two persons were reported to have had injuries and 17 people were declared missing or dead.

## August

The Olympics continued with many gold medals for the United States. The men's gymnastics team captured the gold and Mary Lou Retton received the gold for All-Around Woman Gymnast.

At the Republican Convention, the party nominated President Reagan and Vice-President Bush to run for a second term.

## September

Libya sent troops into Nicaragua to "fight American imperialism" said Libyan leader Qadhafi.

Walter Mondale met with Soviet Prime Minister Gromyko to discuss arms control.

## October

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two members of her security guard, who were actually Sikhs. After Gandhi's death, her son was named as her successor.

## November

President Ronald Reagan won a landslide victory over Democratic candidate Walter Mondale. For the first time a woman had been chosen to run as Vice-President for a major party. Even with Geraldine Ferraro, Mondale carried only his home state of Minnesota and the District of Columbia.

## December

Bhopal, India, was stricken by a poisonous gas leak that killed over 2,000 and blinded many more. Many people sued Union Carbide, the company the people blamed for the accident.

## January

PHS was hit by a mini-blizzard and students spent five hours in their first hour class. Students were allowed to leave if their parents came and got them. Students who drove were discouraged from leaving.



# Jewel also in headlines

President Reagan was sworn in for his second term. In his inaugural address President Reagan mentioned peace and prosperity.

"We are the World" was performed by 45 of music's hottest stars.

## April

*The Falcon and the Snowman* debuted. The movie was about Chris Boyce and Andrew Lee, two Americans who sold U.S. military secrets to the Russians.

An outbreak of salmonella was caused by Jewel food store's Bluebrook milk dated March 29. Several thousand Jewel customers became ill when the food poisoning was found in other dairy products. Although blame was placed on Hillfarm Dairy, no explanation could be found for the contamination.

## February

Once again Portage became the target of a blizzard. PHS was closed for three days as Porter County was declared a snow emergency area.

President Reagan's European tour provoked arguments from Jewish leaders when he planned to visit a cemetery where Nazi soldiers were buried.

The postal rate was to increase from 20 cents to 22 cents on Feb. 17, 1985.

## May

## March

The USA for Africa record came out on the shelves. A hit single from the record,

A soccer stadium in England caught on fire during a soccer game; 53 people died in the blaze, many more were injured, and 56 were considered missing.



The men's gymnastics team received the gold medal at the Olympics. Many of the team members went on to win in individual competition.

An Indian woman places a cloth on a man who was injured by the Bophal gas leak. Union Carbide took the responsibility for the accident.

Prince was the name in music for 84. Prince starred in the movie *Purple Rain* and the sound track from the movie produced many hit singles. He also received a Grammy.

Dancing to "The Bird" by the Time, senior Cliff Pierce performs for the Variety Show.



Crandall



Crandall

Promising to give up mint chocolate chip ice cream, senior Gina Giese asks God to let her become a cheerleader. Gina's humorous routine was performed at the Variety Show.

*Footlight Frenzy* was a play within a play. Junior Jon English plays a school custodian who plays a gangster.





**Senior Rich Keel** assumes the role of school principal in the fall play, *Footlight Frenzy*.

**During the fall play** junior John Parker listens for cues while junior Joseph Poirier checks the script.

**During the dress rehearsal** Mr. Joe Stevens prepares senior Laura Gajdik for her singing and guitar solo.



Crandall

## Stage crew

## Working behind the scenes

by Rachel Junkin

"**N**ever turn the mike on until the curtain opens," yelled Mr. Joe Stevens, technical director of the Variety Show, to the sound crew up in the balcony.

Sitting in front of a huge board with buttons all over the place, the sound crew had to pay close attention to the action on stage. Different microphones were located in different areas of the stage. Junior John Parker explained that with the sound board he was trying to improve the quality of the sound. What was spoken on stage could be picked up by multiple inputs, then processed. The audience would hear the sound from one or two outputs.

Sound was not the only aspect of the show which was carefully monitored. With each act, different lighting was used. One spotlight, two spotlights, colored lights

and stage lights were used differently in each act. It was the lighting crew's job to remember the lighting for each act.

Because of snow-blocked roads, the Variety Show had to be postponed. The whole show was put together in about a week. Each individual performer had only one or two practices with the sound and lighting crew. However, according to junior Dave Luketich, the Variety Show was not as difficult as a play such as *Footlight Frenzy* which was performed in the fall. "In a play you have to listen for cues," he explained.

All of the stage crew had taken Mr. Stevens' technical directing class. John said that he just signed up for the class "to fill up space in my schedule." However, he then became interested in it as a profession. "At technical school I'll be ahead of the people who have never done (stage work) before," John said.



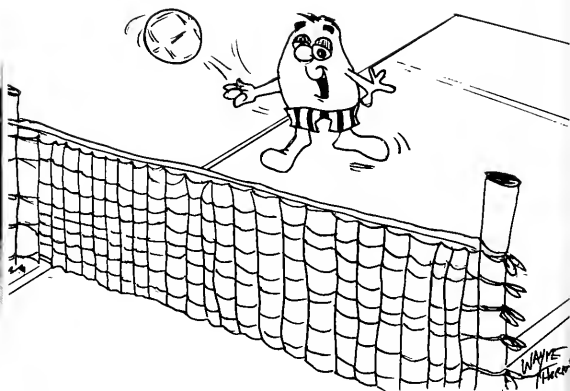
Jolly



**Junior Eric Ciesielski** guards sophomore Mike Lavery in intramural practice. The Slug-O-Matics were the IM basketball champs.

**Learning to keep score** was inevitably a part of intramural bowling. Sophomore Jeff Bliss keeps track of his partner's score.

**On their own**, juniors Jamie Groves and Steve Batides run just to stay in shape, as they were not part of a running team.



Jolly



Jolly

# Intramurals vs. personal sports

by Laura Haines

**I** didn't feel like joining a sport that required all of my after school time, time that I could use for homework or fun," said junior Mark Scobey, intramural participant.

Three levels of athletic involvement were available to PHS students: high school teams, intramurals and personal sports. As was obvious by the great num-

ber involved, many opted for high school athletics. However, the other two choices presented a less-pressure option for sports lovers.

Often, the skill required to play on a varsity team was lacking. In intramurals, "you can play for the fun of it, no matter how bad you are," Mark commented.

Persons like juniors Steve Batides and Jamie Groves, however, chose athletics on a more individual level. They ran after

school together to stay in shape. "I have to work and practices interfered, and you get the satisfaction of doing it without having to push yourself. You also feel more dedicated," Steve said.

As with almost everything, there were disadvantages to both alternatives. "There should be more of a reward for the championship teams (and) the referees were not competent," Mark said of intramurals' faults. Also, participating on one's own leaves out the competition element, which can push a person to work harder and show him how he compares to area athletes. Either way, many chances to be athletic were offered to PHS students.

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**Bowling for her intramural team** is senior Jackie Nairn. IM spring sports, wiffle ball and ping-pong, were canceled because of lack of interest.

**Sisters Lori Romanov, senior, and Lisa Romanov, junior, vie for the ball,** as senior Scott Bruce watches. Many more sports were offered this year than last.



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Carrying a cake which celebrates the birthday of the Marines are JROTC members. The Marine birthday ball is held every year in November.

## Work Dedication needed to excel

by Laura Haines

**H**ard work and dedication were needed for anyone to achieve a goal.

When that person excelled in his or her area of expertise, the rewards outweighed the sacrifices involved.

Besides the obvious teams and persons that excelled, the boys' cross country team and senior basketball player Bill Miller, there were many lesser known achievers. For example, Jose Reyes, senior, wrestled his way to the state finals, but sacrificed the title to his opponent. His other accomplishments include three sectional titles, one regional title and one conference title.

Sophomore Debbie Mueller only once settled for a third place in diving competition. Every other meet she captured the first place title. "I didn't think I'd go undefeated as long as I did," Debbie said.

Being picked to play for the North All-Star football team was a "great honor" for senior Jim Clark. The 6'1", 209-pound All-State offensive guard was also selected by his teammates as Mr. Football.

Practicing basketball three to four hours a day in the summer helped senior Val Ingram excel. Val was selected as a pre-season third team all-state basketball

pick.

Athletics wasn't the only area in which students could have outdone themselves. Academics was one other way parts of the student body merited achievement, and the PSAT-NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test- National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) was a way of measuring the differences. Seniors Brain Cotton, Roy Franklin and John Plunkett finished in the top five per cent of the nation on this test. They were awarded the honor of being "commended students."

Another nationally honored student of merit was Matt Hale, senior. He had a score of 1,270 on the PSAT, which was high enough for him to qualify for semifinals in the National Merit Scholarship contest. He later went on to become a finalist. Matt thought his achievement would be helpful in getting into the college of his choice because "a lot of prestige goes with the title of National Merit Scholar."

Three students were chosen to study the language and culture of a foreign country. Sophomore Amy Isaac won a government scholarship to stay in Germany for the '85-'86 school year, while junior Vera Czechanski won the chance to spend the summer there. Junior Rocky Orenick got to spend the summer in

Mexico.

Portage students even excelled in the speech area. Shawn Carmin, senior, achieved a personal best by placing second in the Oratorical Interpretation at a regional speech tournament at Highland. In the same event, junior Sonia Nelson placed tenth.

And then there's the miscellaneous section, neither academic nor athletic, but achievement nonetheless. For example, Dee Dee Bullard, sophomore, won the title of Miss Indiana Teen and represented Indiana in the Miss Teen USA pageant. The contest was in Miami, Florida, where Dee Dee spent three all-expense-paid weeks.

Because of her singing ability, junior Kelly Schwager spent one month of her summer touring Europe. She was chosen from a cast of thousands of high school and college singers to participate in the Sound of America tour.

Certainly, these persons are not all who excelled, but definitely some of the most distinguished.

**Both boys' cross country** and senior John Lowery excelled. In the state race, which he is running here, John finished ninth.





**Kelly Schwager, junior, practices singing,** a talent which enabled her to travel through Europe during the summer.

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## Is chivalry dead at PHS?

by Bev Sobkowski

Chivalry. What does it mean? The dictionary defines it as "gallant and distinguished mannerisms of a gentleman." Were there any gallant gentlemen left in 1985? Or was chivalry really dead at PHS?

Tiffany Thompson, sophomore, said in some ways chivalry has died. "Preppy college guys open doors. They're gentlemen. High school (students) are not really gentlemen. They're not mature like college guys."

"I think it's dead in the U.S. because girls don't really care any more. Nowadays, if you open a door for a girl, she will not take it seriously," Jay DePuma, sophomore, said.

And what about reverse chivalry? Should girls provide the same niceties for boys? "Yes, because there is nothing wrong with it. It'd make the boy feel honored," junior Chris Pepper said. Common sights in the 1980's include girls opening doors for boys and treating them the way they like to be treated.

Students replied in various ways about

behavior on dates. Should the man always pay? "Yes, because it's the gentlemanly thing to do," Chris added. Monty Groves, junior, said, "Of course not, at least not all the time."

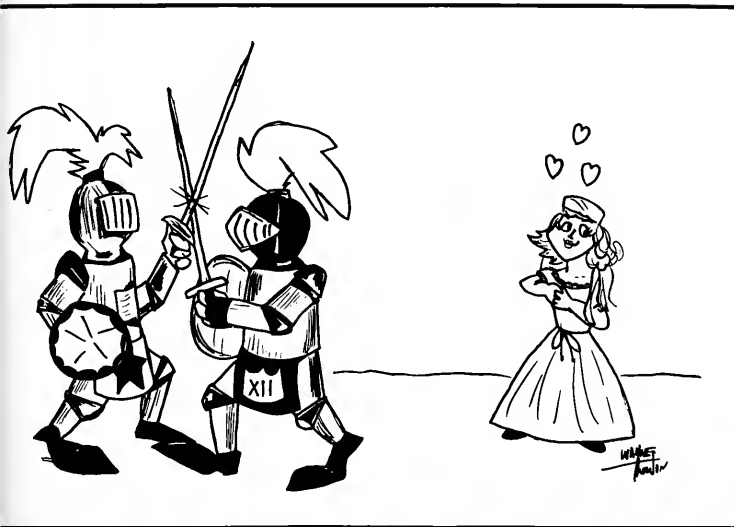
"The guys think that because we're so liberal now that we don't deserve to be treated like ladies," sophomore Vahona Richardson said. Maybe people should just have a mutual respect for one another. After all, as sophomore Candy Sherbit said, "People should be treated equally."



**Showing reverse chivalry,** Kathy Schmetzer, junior, holds a door open for senior Ken Nolan.

**Even in PHS halls,** chivalry exists. Junior Phil Wilding helps sophomore Kristy Elam pick up her dropped papers.





**Would a man sacrifice** his honor, or his very life, to get the woman he adores? This drawing portrays the idea that chivalry has died along with knights in shining armor and fair maidens.

**Boys still carry** girls' books, as is shown by junior Phil Wilding and sophomore Kristy Elam.



**Now it's his turn.** Ken Nolan, senior, helps junior Kathy Schmetzer by holding a door open for her.



# Winter tans are big business

by Liza Daich

**B**eds of ultraviolet lights quickly turned pale white skin into a beautiful golden brown in about a week of daily tanning.

Winter was the big season for tanners. While friends paled, tanners stayed dark by visiting one of the local tanning salons. Tanning was done in a swim suit or in the nude. "It helps my skin and it makes me look good, and when I look good I feel good," said Chris Johns, junior.

"I tan because I want to look good and it makes me feel healthier," Tina Cassell, sophomore, said.

"It's neat having a tan all year round," freshman Lori Ouderkirk explained. Because tanning salons had been growing in popularity for about two years, most people believed they weren't just a passing

fad.

There were strategies in tanning. It was advised by tan salon owners and workers to tan up to five times a week originally, then to tan two or three times a week. The tanning sessions usually lasted 30 minutes. The cost was \$6 for adults and \$4.50 for students at Sunburst tanning salon in Portage, which opened in July of 1984. Other tanning salons nearby were The Tanning Hut in Valparaiso and Merle Norman Cosmetics Studio in Portage.

Not only did tanning salons tan, but they also claimed to help various skin diseases. However, tanning could be dangerous. According to Dr. Paul Lazar, a professor of clinical dermatology at Northwestern University Medical School, too much tanning could cause skin damage and cancer.



## Hairstyles:

by Erin Strain

# Insurance expensive for teens

by Rachel Junkin

**L**earning to drive was a hectic experience for almost everyone.

When first behind the wheel it seemed impossible to see what was behind, ahead, and beside you while traveling at 55 m.p.h. Checking which buttons turned on the lights and which activated the air conditioning added to the confusion.

Even for experienced drivers it was difficult to navigate the roads in heavy snow and icy rain. Inexperienced drivers found this especially difficult. There were quite a few minor accidents involving students driving to school in bad weather.

Statistically, teenage drivers had a higher percentage of accidents than older drivers. Because of this, insurance companies' rates for student drivers were high. Junior Pete Stahura had a license but no insurance, so he did not drive much. "I won't have insurance until I get my car this summer," Pete explained. He added that it was not worth it to get insurance until then because it would cost him at least \$300 every six months. However, he said that the insurance policies were fair. "They (the insurance companies) are just protecting themselves."

Sophomore Tracey Alexander agreed,

"Teenagers have more of a chance of getting in an accident."

However, other teens felt discriminated against. Some students, who were good drivers, disliked having to pay extra because their peers were reckless.



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**Driver's education** was offered at PHS during the summer. Junior Steve Batides buckles the seatbelt of the driving simulator.

**H**airstyles have always steadily changed, but this was a year where literally anything went. Whether it was long hair, short hair, dyed hair or permed hair, we had it all at PHS.

Permanents were popular with both boys and girls. Many guys gelled their perms for the wet look.

Crewcuts were frequently seen on guys. Mohawks, named for the Mohawk Indians, were not seen too often, but on a good day you might have caught a glimpse of two or three. Concerning the Mohawks, one junior said, "I think they're gross. I wouldn't be caught dead with a haircut like that." His friend disagreed, though, and said the Mohawks were "neat".

Bleached, tinted, dyed or frosted hair was a common sight. There were brunettes turned blonde, blondes turned brunettes and other transformations.

"Tails" were also popular with both sexes. A tail was a section of hair in the back that was longer than the rest. Many times the tails were bleached. A freshman had both a tail and an opinion on it. "I wear a tail because it's the 'in thing' and I like the way it looks. I'm not trying to make a statement or anything," freshman Gina Cieslak remarked.

Some students had no choice in their hairstyle. A few girls had to have long hair



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## nothing goes

for their religion. Some boys were required to have very short hair for JROTC or a sports team.

Brian Elkins, a junior on the wrestling team, was bet \$50 by a group of boys to get a Mohawk. He got the haircut, even though he said he knew he'd get in trouble with his coach. Coach Bruce Sheriff dismissed him from wrestling for one day as punishment, and Brian collected most of the money.

Bonnie Risinger, a hairstylist at a Portage shop, said, "Hairstyles today are easy and comfortable. It's nicer to cut hair than it used to be, when hair had to be much more formal. Whether it's a Mohawk or anything else, we do whatever the customer wants."

There were mixed feelings about the new hairstyles. On the whole, the attitude was: if you like it, wear it.

**Sophomores Lori Wendrickx** and Suzy Messina converse in the hall between classes. Hair shaved and colored like Lori's was not an unusual sight around PHS.

## School closed; students stuck

by Rachel Junkin

**Q**uite a day, huh?" said senior Bo Marriott. He was referring to Jan. 25, which was a very unusual day at PHS.

The morning started with snow. It wasn't too heavy at first, but about 7 a.m. the snow was falling furiously. Students, looking outside and seeing almost five inches of snow on the ground, eagerly turned on the radio to check for school cancellations. Merrillville, Crown Point, Porter County and other area schools were closed, but not Portage. Most of the high school students tramped off to their bus stops, still hoping the buses would not come. A few, deciding the weather was too bad, stayed home. (School had been closed the previous Monday because of a record -27 degrees in the Chicago area.)

When first hour began, the classes did not want to settle down. Late buses were still arriving and the wind was picking up. At about 7:45 a.m. Mr. Forrest Rhode, principal, made an announcement. School would be let out early because of adverse weather conditions. However, nobody would leave until all the buses arrived. Cheers filled the rooms and students organized their books to get ready to leave.

Time passed and the trapped pupils started to get restless. Why weren't they on their way home? The PA system came on again, and Mr. Rhode announced that the roads were not safe for the buses to leave. Everyone was to remain in his or her first hour class. The highway department would advise the school when it was safe to let the students depart. However,

parents were arriving to pick up their children. If a parent came, his teenager was allowed to leave.

One father who came to pick up his daughter was Mr. Everett Davidson. He came because, "the girls drove and we didn't want them on the road." He said the administration didn't really have a choice when they decided to keep the students at school because the roads were so bad.

Not everyone agreed. "If they can take us here, they could take us back," sophomore Shelley Alexovich said.

Everyone had a different opinion. "Why don't they send us back to class to have something to do?" growled one outraged student. Others just enjoyed the free time and a chance to socialize with their friends. Vice-Principal Maureen Shindeldecker said that the students "handled the situation very well."

As time ticked by, Mr. Rhode kept everyone advised as to what was happening. As soon as it was safe, school would be dismissed. After a while, students were released by floors to go to restrooms and walk around for five minutes. Later, when the snow and wind didn't let up, a free lunch was served. After lunch the students were then herded in the gymnasium to wait. Finally, at about 12:30, Mr. Rhode announced that students could leave. Almost five hours after school was "canceled," PHS students finally returned home.

Less than three weeks later students were off for a full week. A giant snow storm and huge drifts closed county roads and schools for three days, just before a four-day winter holiday weekend.

**The buses** wait in a raging snowstorm until the highway department declares it safe to take students home. At about 12:30 the buses were finally able to leave.



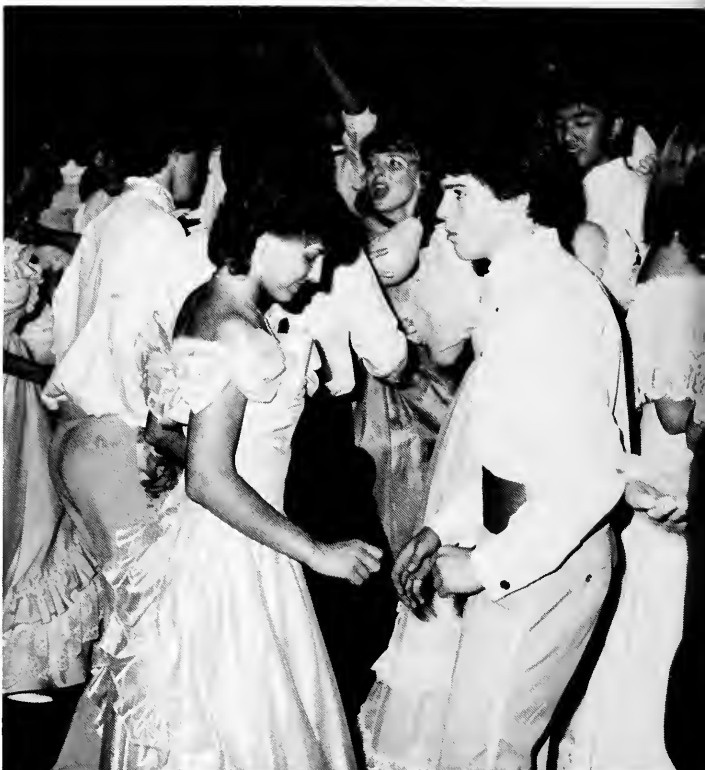
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**Junior** Jamie Groves and sophomore Denise Czeczanski "get down" to a live DJ. The theme of the Prom was "All I need is love".

**The photographer** arranges junior Andy Vuko and sophomore Michelle Kasprzak for their Prom pictures.



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## No object for that special evening

by Laura Haines  
and Scott Baker

**"T**his is it! One of the biggest nights of my life and it's got to be special. Prom is expensive ... but, oh, for a memory like that, price is **no** object."

Even though it was only a two-day event (Prom and the day after) that cost the average couple anywhere from \$100-\$250, most felt it was worth the money. "Prom involved a lot of activities for the money. It was really neat to see everyone dressed up, and it also got my date and I to know one another a lot better. I think the price was reasonable for all the activities that were involved," sophomore Cathy Cunningham said.

Junior Pete Stahura felt it was worth the money "because I had a wonderful time with my lovely date."

"All right, this is going to cost me about \$120 for a dress, and I should go dutch on either the \$30 tickets or the day after so my date doesn't have to pay too much. There has to be some way to bring down the cost ..."

"For the money and the fun and the activities, there is really no way to reduce the price!" Cathy added. "It was a special occasion, and, although things added up, it was worth it."

Sophomore Kim Nurdyke said, "I didn't mind paying for the dress, but my date paid the most and I wouldn't expect him to pay more than he wanted to."

One way to cut costs as suggested by senior Mike Jetmund, was to "not have us pay so much for the food, The food was lousy." Other ways students economized

included finding dresses or tuxedos on sale, or going to Chicago the day after instead of Great America or Turkey Run. Some girls even had their gowns made by a relative, or they made them themselves.

Prom was so special to most that money did not matter. "Of course I thought about money, but it wouldn't keep me from spending it because this was Prom — the Prom," Pete said.

"Well, it's over now and I have to put away my dress for the year. I'll probably go next year, but will I buy a new dress?"

"Yes, I would want to look different, hopefully better, every year," Kim said.

"The best part? Well, I'd definitely have to say ... but then there's also ... or the ... oh, I don't know, everything was so perfect!"



**During the garter removal ceremony,** John Sanchez slides senior Detrian Miller's garter down her leg.

**After Prom,** juniors Joe Morales and Philip Lane enjoyed eating pizza at Woodland Park.



**Prom Queen Lisa Wilkins and Prom King Viet Tran** share a slow dance together. Juniors and seniors who attended Prom voted for King, Queen and court.

**Kim Rains and Tony Kwiatkowski** were announced Prom Princess and Prince. This was the last year for Prom at the Holiday Star Theater.

**After the feud,** the two families are reunited and the wall is brought down. Juniors Kelly Schwager and Bob Walls and seniors Rich Keel and Jeff Veluz rectify their differences.



**CHORUS — Front Row:** Jackie Nairn, Tab Harmon, Michelle Foster, Sarah Matusiak. **Back Row:** Lynette Strain, Jim Land, Janelle Hile, Kim Noffsinger, Matt Matusiak. **Not Shown:** Michelle Brown, Dawn Roque.



**Displaying his archery talent,** junior Joe Gillan tries to sell his rape service to the couple's fathers.

**Pantomiming to express herself,** junior Cindy Roque is The Mime. The Mime was also used as an on-stage stagehand.

**In midnight rendezvous,** juniors Kelly Schwager and Bob Walls embrace over the wall that separates their gardens. The couple eventually fell in love.



**In an attempted rape,** junior Joe Gillan attacks junior Kelly Schwager. The staged rape was arranged by the lovers' fathers, seniors Rich Keel and Jeff Veluz.





# Creativity 'The Fantasticks' gives classic a new twist

by Laura Haines

Giving Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* a new twist, *The Fantasticks* started out 25 years ago, lucky to run a second night because of the awful reviews it received. Funding to keep the show open was the only thing that saved it, until it got on its feet a year later. Since then, it has become the world's longest-running musical.

In the PHS version, the fathers of Louisa and Matt, played by juniors Kelly Schwager and Bob Walls respectively, stage a feud. They construct a wall between their gardens, hoping the teens will be brought together by the lure of forbidden love. Through midnight rendezvous, the two fall in love, as had been hoped by

the fathers. To cement their love, the fathers pay El Gallo, the highwayman, to stage an attempted rape of Louisa. Then Matt could rescue her and the fathers could drop their "feud."

However, Louisa's and Matt's fantasy love dies in a world of realities, when each learns the other's true personality. As the song goes, "What in night seems oh, so scenic, may be cynic in the light."

Louisa is truly and completely innocent at first. In the second act, she experiences life and knows more about reality. Matt, however, "is naive and madly in love with Louisa, but he's not sure of what he wants," Bob said of his character.

"It was a challenge because I've never done something this elaborate with my vocal ability," said sophomore Darren Lo-

casto of his first high school musical performance. His character, El Gallo, was the lead in the show. He both narrated and played a part in *The Fantasticks*.

Being able to relate to the part was almost a necessity to performance. Junior Joe Gillan thought he fit his part, Mortimer, "very well, (because) I'm a ham. I love to act and to sing. I love to make people laugh and be on stage. The play is supposed to be fun, and I'm doing just that."

Director James Killion had directed *The Fantasticks* two times, the first time in 1971 in the first play he ever directed. The second was in 1985. He said the reason he directed high school productions was to get "the satisfaction of seeing these people doing a marvelous job on stage."



Joe Gillan  
Mortimer



Mike Hurst  
Henry



Rich Keel  
Bellamy



Darren Locasto  
El Gallo



Cindy Roque  
The Mime



Kelly Schwager  
Louisa



Jeff Veluz  
Huck



Bob Walls  
Matt



## The future

## What will PHS be like?

by Cathy Foley

**A**ye, Mom!" Enid shouted out the door.

She was on way to school; however, Enid lived in a space colony. Her family was one of the very first to live in the space colony.

Lisa Beshears, senior, was looking forward to the year 2000 because, "I'll be old enough to be out on my own." As for her future, Lisa wanted to be married and have three children, two girls and a boy.

However, Vera Czechanski, junior, did not wait with anticipation for the end of the century. "The year 2000 will not have any particular significance." She continued to say that each year is different and

unique. Vera saw her future as "living in Germany with my husband and being a translator."

Another junior who was not too excited about the new century was Jerry Dickey. "I'll be too old (32)," he commented. Jerry continued that he would like to be a diesel mechanic living in Tennessee or Kentucky.

Styles and fads are constantly changing, and Amy Mackiewicz saw no reason why the year 2000 would be any different. "Make-up will be really wild — lots of metallic tones. Clothes will be the same — lots of metal."

What will the year 2000 be like? Jerry

predicted the cars will be something like the vehicles in Star Wars, solar energy will be a main source of power and computers will be in widespread use.

Vera's wish for the year 2000 was, "Hopefully the world will come close to world peace."

**What will** the average student be like in the year 2000? Will he be like the classic boy-next-door type? Or will he resemble today's punker?



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**Junior Jim Fitch** reviews a book that was required reading for English classes. What language will we speak in the new century?



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**PHS was an example** of a modern school of the early to middle 1980's. What will PHS look like in the new century?



**Stacy Kosak, Suzi Fredel and Shannon Paulson,** sophomores, wear typical examples of clothes at PHS.

**Dr. Donald Bivens** congratulates midterm grad Stacy Peters as he hands her a diploma. About 84 people graduated midterm.

**Valedictorian Danielle Turnak** addresses the graduating class at commencement. Danielle had a GPA of 4.171.



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*Class of '85*

## Seniors happy to be former PHS students

*by Melissa and Julie Vernon*

“I’m indifferent about it,” said senior Dave Penix on the subject of graduation. He felt sad about leaving and possibly never seeing many members of his class, but he was also happy about not having to get up so early in the morning to go to school.

There were many mixed emotions at graduation, but for the most part the former seniors were very happy with the fact that they are now former students of PHS.

Tammy Phillips, one of the graduates of the class of 1985, has plans to move to Tennessee to find a job and work now that she is out of high school. James Crowner is looking forward to entering the military service on a two-year program.

Graduates were not the only ones who were pleased and happy about graduation. Parents, relatives and friends were also proud and happy for the graduates. Myrtle Allard said she was “mighty proud” of her grandson, Tony Bryan, who was a member of the graduating class of 1985.

Nicki Verboon said that her most memorable moment here at PHS was graduation. Tammy felt “this year’s Prom” was her most memorable moment. Dave’s favorite moments were those he spent participating on the swim team. James, Dave, Tammy and Nicki, as did a lot of graduating seniors, felt that the time spent here at PHS were “the best years of their lives.”

**About 410 seniors** in the class of '85 graduated on Friday, May 31, in front of a crowd of over 3,000 people. Dr. Donald Bivens, the Rev. Bill Williams and Mr. Forrest Rhode were among the speakers for graduation.



**Class president,** Luis Bengero, presents Mr. Forrest Rhode and PHS with the new Academic Honors Hall plaques at graduation. The 32 recipients of the honors hall had to achieve a 3.5 GPA or higher,

score at or above the 80th percentile on the college board tests and have completed at least 12 high school of higher level course units.



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**No longer** high school students, the midterm grads rise for the recessional. This was the first year the six-semester graduation was not in effect.

**Looking ecstatic,** Dan Steward receives his diploma from Dr. George McKay. Although all the seniors counted the days 'til graduation, most were nostalgic the last few days of school.



Darrow



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**Eric Hiller, junior,** sits through yet another explanation of rules and regulations. His expression tells it all.

**Filling out a brochure,** sophomore Val Buxbaum is helping to keep the band program going by selling cheese and sausage. Fundraisers were necessary to keep some academic classes going.



Jolly

**Pantomiming a bird,** sophomore DeeDee Bullard participates in speech class. Required classes were sometimes enlivened by unique ways of learning.





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## We are Growing and changing

by Rachel Junkin and Amie Fielder

**W**e have a lot to offer at PHS, everything from Mr. Vern Strege's vocational diesel class to Mr. Yan Wolfman's calculus class. We are always trying to improve our academic program by offering new classes.

A special course was offered this year only, Community Relations. This class was taught by Mr. Neil Lane and was offered only to seniors. Some activities in the class included reviewing parks and comparing municipal tax rates. Students taking this class received an economics credit which fulfills graduation requirements. Mr. Lane described Community Relations as a "useful tool to help revitalize the city of Portage."

Another new class being offered for the

first time was computer application. Basic computer language was a pre-requisite for this semester class.

As new classes were welcomed, goodbye was said to some traditional activities. PHS was given a waiver this year excusing it from complying with the new regulations set by the state. Mr. Forrest Rhode, principal, said that most of the requirements were already met. However, a few changes had to be made.

This was the Indians' final year celebrating Homecoming with a pep session during school hours. All field trips and extra-curricular activities will have to be carefully examined for their educational merit before they are allowed. Also, the school day will be lengthened by five minutes,

and early release will be offered to seniors only second semester.

**Discussing some work,** Mr. John DeCoster, seniors Tony Bryan, Mickey Dunning and Scott Dravet, and junior Steve Kilgore try to work out a problem in psychology class.

## Fears form as students face crowds

by Melissa Vernon

"What if I trip and fall on my face?"

"What if I miss the first note?"

"What if I drop my flag?"

These were just a few of the fears that students in the band, choir, orchestra and auxiliary groups faced before competitions or performances.

Junior Dawn Kyle, for instance, said her biggest fear before competition was "that the band, as a whole, will not put their whole effort into it."

Although Dawn's fears were about the band as a unit, many others expressed personal fears about performing. "My biggest fear is my voice cracking," said sophomore Kendall Ross, a member of the mixed chorus. "I just have a strong feeling, when it comes to a high note I'm not ready for it," she continued.

Added to the initial fear of performing,

**Extensive practice** was required of the band and auxiliary members. Percussionists Karen Atkins, sophomore, and Chris Pepper, junior, were two of the many members to attend one of the after-school practices.

**Auxiliary member,** Melanie Oness, sophomore, performs the routine to "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue" at one of the football games. Band and auxiliary members performed at all home games plus the ISSMA marching competition and at the Tropicana Music Bowl at Soldier Field, Chicago.

**Senior Carol Norton** performs a pantomime of a bag lady finding \$100 for Mr. Bill Bodnar's first hour acting class.

some students' fears were enhanced by the size of the crowd, the number of judges or the specific makeup of the crowd. Auxiliary member Shelly Chatwell, junior, said her fears were intensified to a certain extent, but, "It depends on who is in the crowd. I feel more comfortable performing around strangers and more nervous at home games."

"The truth is, I feel more comfortable with more people than just a few," Kendall commented. "Judges don't bother me; I just act as if they're part of the audience."

After performing most students said that they gave their best possible effort, and did the best they could. Others believe they might have done better, or that sometimes things could have gone smoother. One such person was junior Stephanie Ball, who commented, "Sometimes I felt that I gave my best performance. Sometimes I felt that I made stupid mistakes."



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**Symphonic choir** was one of the many music classes offered at PHS. The majority of the classes were open to anyone who met the general requirements. However, a few classes, such as symphonic choir, required try-outs and teacher approval.

**Students in freshman orchestra** practice their music first hour in preparation for their next performance.

getting in shape

## JROTC offered instead of gym

by Eric Smith  
and Renae Poffinbarger

*What do you mean, I have swimming for the next nine weeks? I can swim, so why do I need nine weeks of torture? The teachers must get their kicks from this!*

Two years of a physical fitness class including nine weeks of swimming were required of students to graduate. Usually the classes were taken in a student's freshman and sophomore year. JROTC and physical education were the two courses offered at PHS.

Physical fitness was a big part of these classes. In JROTC, students performed physical fitness training, which consisted

of push-ups, sit-ups, running and other various timed exercises. Senior Charles Bridges said that he didn't feel as though the workout in JROTC was good enough to fit his daily requirement of exercise, "except when we play wallyball," he added.

Senior Jim Guerrero said, "JROTC is a good class because it has taught me self discipline and leadership. The class isn't for everyone, but it gives me the initiative to do something good with myself."

Junior Chris Cleveland said that JROTC definitely will help him out in the long run. Chris wanted to go into the Navy or Air Force to pursue a career.



During ninth hour freshman gym class, Dave Pieroni, Scott MacLeod, Mike Schuler and Pete Orris jog through the football field.

Mary Olson, sophomore, helps Chrissy Jaeger steady herself while walking across the balance beam.





**Seniors Kevin Gleason, Frank Osterkamp, Charles Bridges and Roger Driver present colors while the "Star Spangled Banner" is played at a basketball game.**

**During a badminton match,** sophomore Davio Gaught serves the birdie. Two years of gym was required to graduate.

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**Senior Kevin Gleason** holds the JROTC flag during a home game. JROTC could be taken instead of physical education.

# Credits — do I have enough?

by Melissa Vernon

Students faced many requirements as they went through their years at PHS.

There were requirements about the number of credits students must acquire before they could graduate and about how many credits they had to earn in specific areas such as English and social studies. PHS's 1984-85 seniors had to attain 34 credits, but juniors, sophomores and freshmen had to earn 37 to graduate. A credit was earned after passing a semester of a class. Students had to earn seven credits in English, one in speech, four in social studies and physical education, two in both math and science and one in health to graduate.

English credits were mapped out for students. Students had to pass two semesters of freshman, sophomore and junior English plus one in speech and one elective.

Junior Lisa Peterson said that eight credits of English was a fair amount to be required because, "That's what most colleges require anyway."

The four required semesters of physical education were usually taken in the freshman and sophomore years. A quarter of swimming was taken at the sophomore level.

The science classes most often taken to fill the two-credit requirement were Gen-

eral Science and Biology. Math credit requirements could be filled in various classes, depending on the student's mathematical ability. General Math through Calculus were offered to the students by the math department. Most students who took only the required amount of science and math filled the requirements in their freshman year.

Lisa thought that math and science requirements should be as strict as the PE requirements because she thought they were more important for the future. "Gym's not going to get you into college."

Students fulfilled their social studies requirements by taking U.S. history in their junior year and Government and Economics, each a semester long, in their senior year.

The last specified requirement was one semester of health, which was taken by students in their sophomore year. Deanna Gunter, sophomore, said health in a fair requirement because, "You need to know about your body."

Besides the specific course requirements, students were faced with making any combination of majors and minors as long as they had at least two majors. A major consisted of six credits in the same department, and a minor was made with four credits in the same department.

Even though there were many requirements placed on students, most felt that they were not hard to attain. Junior Jenny Young said, "I think the requirements are fair."

**In Mr. Henry Looft's** second hour chemistry class, Tom Klenk, sophomore, and junior Sandy Kim work on a lab experiment.

**Ken Kukler, sophomore** prepares to serve the shuttle cock in his second hour badminton class, taught by Mr. Bill Wilke.



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**Sue Sturges**, junior, works out a problem in her Math 4 class taught by Mr. Charles Tomes. Math 4 and Calculus were the most advanced math classes offered at PHS.



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**Diving** was one part of the nine-week required swimming course. Here sophomore Louie Keseley demonstrates a dive.



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**Government**, one of the required social studies classes, was usually taken by seniors. Here senior Janet Winandy takes notes in Mr. Dennis Bond's government class.

having fun

## Home Economics — is it for girls only?

by Melissa Vernon

**R**eal men don't eat quiche, but do they take home economics classes?

Reasons why guys took home economics classes varied. Senior Cliff Pierce, a member of Mrs. Martha Sommers' third hour beginning clothing class, said he took the class because, "I want to be a fashion designer." Cliff said he would like to go to a technical school in Chicago after high school, "probably Vogue."

Randy Neary, senior, commented that he took Beginning Foods and Nutrition because, "I like to cook."

According to Cliff and Randy, their friends do not tease them about taking a class traditionally considered to be for girls only, but Mrs. Judith Krieger said that she has heard students in the halls teasing boys from her classes. "Sometimes they're mean and cruel," she said, and she continued that the students who teased the boys in her home economics classes were very narrow minded.

Neither Cliff nor Randy felt in any way uncomfortable, intimidated or outnumbered by the girls in their classes. "It's just a class, not a contest," Cliff mentioned.

Charlie Zabala, a senior, who was also

**Independent living** was a course offered to teach students the basic skills needed to live on their own. Senior Dawn Owczarzak prepares a recipe for the soup and sauces unit in her class.

**Several art classes**, such as Art Foundations and Sculpture, were offered. Senior Joe Jones draws a scene with colored chalk in Mr. Richard Shearer's third art class.

in Mrs. Sommers' third hour beginning clothing class said she did not feel uncomfortable having a guy (Cliff) in her home economics class. She did not think that the girls in the class treated Cliff the same as the other girls, but she thought that he brought it on himself. "He likes it that way," she said.

Cliff, Randy and Charlie all thought that the teacher treated the students fairly whether they were male or female.

Mrs. Krieger said that the number of male students in home economics classes has been increasing over the past years but, "not nearly as it should be. I think we have a lot to offer to boys and girls alike, with the way society is changing," she said.



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**Beginning Clothing and Textiles** taught students the basics involved in sewing. Senior Cliff Pierce works on a vest in Mrs. Martha Sommers' class.



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**Child development** taught students how to care for children of different ages. Students held a two-week nursery to give them firsthand experience in teaching and working with pre-school children.

**Senior Veronica Remm** mixes chemicals to develop her film in Mr. Joseph Koss' third hour photography class. Students learned how to take and develop their own pictures.

## Vocational area offers wide variety

by Cathy Foley and Melissa Vernon

**H**ow many teenagers did you know who could build a house?

PHS students were offered several options in the vocational educational area, which taught them specific job skills in classes ranging from Building Trades to Cosmetology. These classes were offered only to juniors and seniors. Usually students took their first year of vocational class in their junior year.

One of the on-campus vocational areas taught was auto body. One-and two-year courses covered all the activities involved in the repair or replacement of auto body parts, including frame straightening, metal patching, finishing, lead and plastic filling, glass installation, paint refinishing, automotive cleaning and detailing. The pre-requisite for Auto Body was passing a general metals class with a grade of C or better.

For those students interested in auto mechanics, PHS also offered a class on-campus for them. Auto mechanics covered the basic working of an automobile. Students gained experience in such areas as engine overhauls, engine tune-ups and the workings of the electrical system. Stu-

dents used textbooks and practical experience to learn the curriculum. Sophomore Jason Ford planned to take Auto Mechanics I in his junior year. "I want to be an auto mechanic and the vocational classes give you on-the-job training," he said. Jason thought that the pre-requisite of a C average was fair.

PHS also kept in stride with the computer field by offering computer education classes. These classes were two-hour courses, designed for those students seriously considering a career in the computer industry. The classes aimed at providing an introduction to computers and data processing for general education, business and computer science. By taking this course students were able to understand how computers operate. April Elledge, junior, said she was glad she took Computer Education I because, "I am interested in the computer field," she said.

Classes in Building Trades I and II, Diesel Mechanics I and II and Printing Pre-vocational, I and II were also offered as on-campus vocational courses. Cosmetology, Dental Health careers, Nursing careers, Architectural Drafting I and II and Electronics I and II were offered off-campus.

**Junior Buddy Saddler** looks on while Randy Riveta junior welds. Both students attended Mr. John Pennington's Auto Body I course.

**Rusty Harrington**, junior, was a member of the Auto Body I class. The three-hour vocational class was held at Willowcreek Middle School.





**Pre-vocational** and Vocational Printing I and II classes were held at the print shop located at PHS West. These courses covered all phases of the print trade and provided students with actual production situations.

**Joseph Poirier** and **Jon English, juniors**, work on their programs in Computer Education I.



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## Ways students ready themselves

by Dawn Bell and Melissa Vernon

College was an important step in preparing for some people's futures. Many students began to prepare for college while still in high school.

One step in preparing for college was taking college prep courses, or accelerated courses in English, science, math and foreign languages. These classes were designed to ready students for their college careers. The courses offered ranged from Math IV to Composition for the College Bound and gave students the opportunity to see what might be expected of them in a college course. "I think that (college prep courses) help a little bit," said junior Kellie Via. Senior Mike Jetmund said that they did not really help any more than non-college bound courses.

A handful of students also took courses at the college level either during the day or in the evening.

Throughout the school year, counselors helped students choose colleges and fill out applications. If aid was required they also informed students of scholarships available and other forms of assistance such as loans. Some available scholarships were announced over the PA during the morning announcements. Mr. Thomas Lauerman was the coordinator of the scholarship information, which he distributed to the other counselors. He kept the bulletin board of scholarship information

**An experiment** dealing with titrating liquids was part of the curriculum of the Advanced Chemistry classes taught by Mr. Marvin Guernsey. Junior Lewis Stahl tries his hand at accomplishing this experiment during his 10th hour class.

**Shaun Carmin** and Jahki Forrest, seniors, participate in a mirror tracing experiment in Psychology. The experiment was used to test eye/hand coordination.

up-to-date for interested students.

College night was held Oct. 19, to introduce more than 50 schools to prospective students and their parents. The turnout was one of the largest in recent years. College representatives continued to visit throughout the school year, and college fairs were offered on Wednesdays in late winter during all three lunch hours.

Not only did college bound students have to choose a college and possibly take preparatory courses, but they also had to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), which is a requirement many colleges place on students wishing to enter. Junior Beth Vernallis said that she thinks the SAT is good but should be expanded to include a wider variety of subject material. Often underclassmen took the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) before taking the real thing. Two testing sessions were held at PHS during the year for the convenience of Portage students. The test could also be taken at other local schools.



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**World Culture**, taught by Mr. James Douglas, taught students about ancient and present cultures from around the globe.



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**Miss Shirley Speilman** assists two of her students with note cards for their term papers in Composition for the College Bound.



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## What is the best way to learn?

by Melissa Vernon

Learning and study habits varied from student to student, and teaching methods varied from teacher to teacher. Some students believed that elements such as time, temperature and food had an effect on their learning processes.

Juniors Cathy Remm and Val Lelak both agree that they learn better in the morning because, "In the afternoon you're anxious to go home," said Val.

Cathy agreed that later in the day she gets "burnt out."

Freshmen Kevin Gilmore said that he does better on days when he eats because, "When I don't eat breakfast all I want to do is get to lunch," he said.

The favorite type of study atmosphere varied greatly. While Val preferred to study in a room with her stereo blasting, Cathy would rather have total quiet during her studying time. Dan also liked to be left alone to study, although he did enjoy

the thrill of competing when he studied with a group.

Mrs. Sherry Ohlfest, who taught both regular and advanced classes in English, noticed a difference in teaching the two types of classes. "I cover more material and go faster in my advanced classes, and I also expect them to be able to interpret their readings before we discuss them in class," she said. She also said that she spends "far more" time disciplining the regular classes, not for misbehavior but for items such as too much talking.

Teachers used many methods with which to aid students in learning, some of which were games, lectures and class discussions. No matter what method was used, the main goal was retaining the information which was taught. Nancy Gobin, a 1961 Portage High School graduate, said that she remembers some of what she learned here at PHS "mostly history because I was made to memorize it," she said.

**Mrs. Sherry Ohlfest**, English teacher, assists junior Beth Vernallis, one of her sixth hour advanced students. Mrs. Ohlfest taught both regular and advanced classes in English.



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**Mrs. Mary Sparacino**, one of the PHS West math teachers, explains to her 7/8th hour algebra class how to do one of their assigned problems.



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**Teachers used many methods** such as games and class discussions to assist their students in learning. Here Mr. Marv Allison plays Jeopardy with his first hour U.S. History class.

**Three Spanish students**, juniors Donna South and Phil Lane and senior Terry Bothwell, play Spanish Scrabble during class time.

using your hands

## Computer program expands to meet needs

by Dujon Kremke and Bob Jones

There were many choices of computer classes for students to take. One of them was Basic Computer Language. Basic stands for Basic All Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code.

In this computer class students learned how to program computers. Jeff Winegar, sophomore, commented, "The class was hard because it moved too fast." However, some students had different views.

Computers had a lot to offer. A lot of students took the classes just to get out of another class they would have had to take, or just because they thought it would be fun. A majority of the students took a class because it had something to do with a job they were going into after graduation. Ju-

nior Sam Jeffers said, "I took it because of the teacher. I had her last year and wanted to be in her class."

Overall, most students took computer classes not because they had to but because they wanted to. Mike Hull, sophomore, commented, "I took computers because I thought it would be fun to use the computers and easy. It was fun, but a little harder than I expected."

In computers it wasn't all fun and games; it was also work. Programs were a major part of the class. Mrs. Bonnie Albert said that computer classes were helpful because students learned from their own mistakes, rather than other people's.

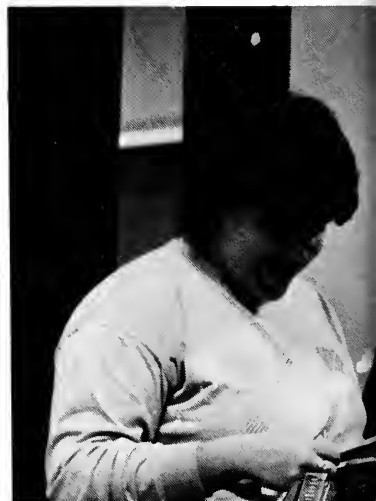
Computers were a lot of fun for most students that applied themselves.



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**Junior Cindy Roque** works on her painting while senior Tom Quitasol admires a classmate's painting.

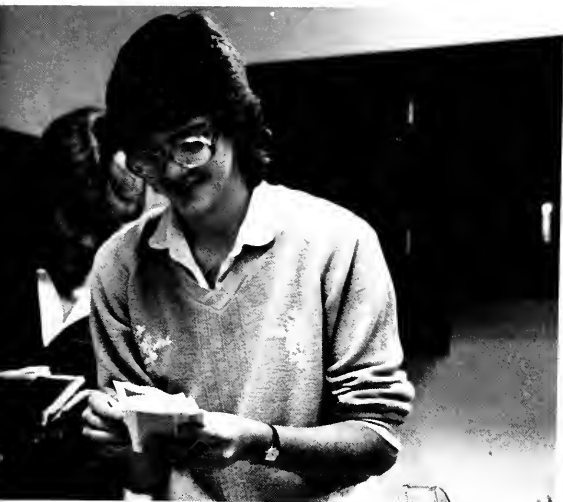
**Junior Don Wozniak** studies the commands that sophomore Jamie Zehner types in. The computer classes added a new course, Basic Computer Language, because of demand from advanced students.



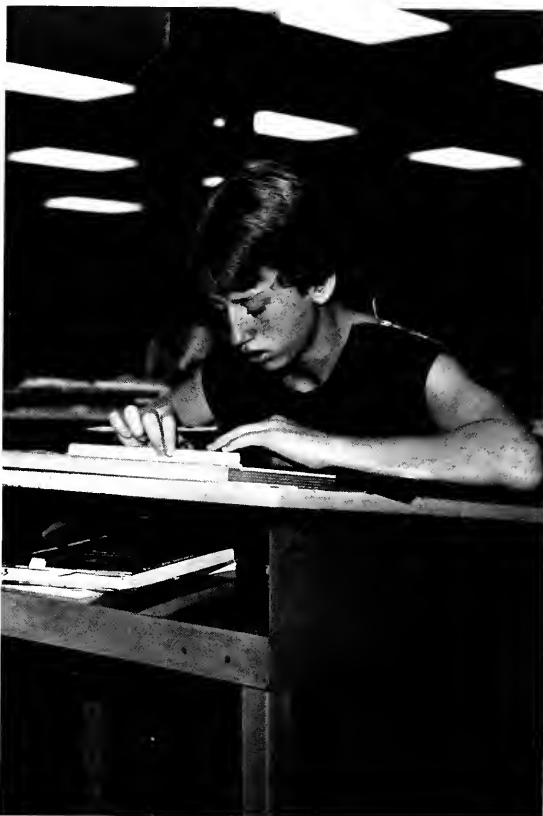
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**The day after** pictures arrive is always hectic for the **Legend** staff. Sophomores Bev Sobkowski, Scott Baker and Denise Kalina sort pictures into sophomore, junior and freshman sections.



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**Freshman Kevin Gilmore** measures for a drawing in a third hour Industrial Arts class at PHS West.

## Special classes bring twist to learning

by Eric Smith

Order in the court!"

This command could be heard every third Friday in Miss Christine Elibasich's sociology class. The students held court in which they played judge, lawyers and the defendant. The purpose of this class was to study deviant behavior, suicide, social groups, culture change, fashion and crime.

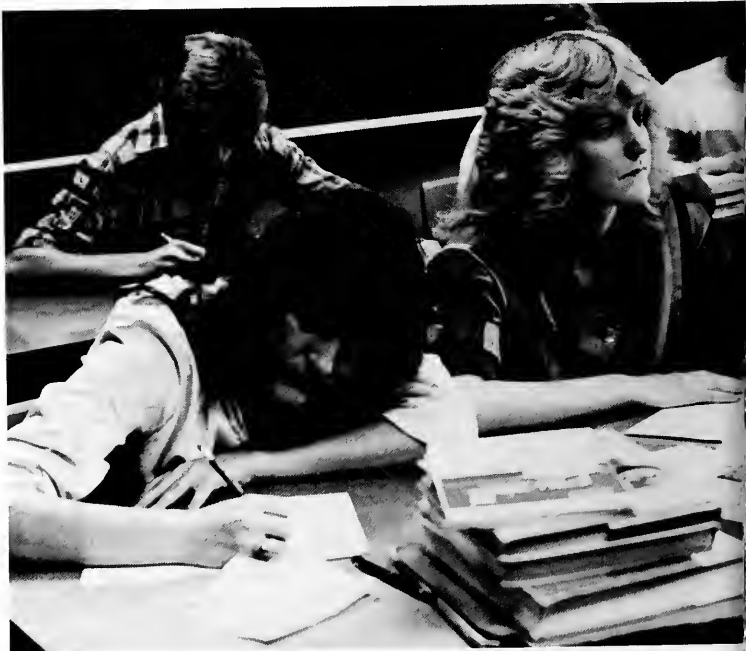
Sociology was only one of the classes which gave students a better understanding of themselves. Another such class was Model Me. For one project students had to interview and introduce each other. They also had to make a collage of their partner's likes. The class was designed to examine reasons why people behave the way they do and to help students develop a positive self-image. It also showed students how to cope with frustration and aggressive destructive behavior. Mr. John Alexander, teacher of Model Me, said that

**Seniors Kelly Kitchen** and **Darlene O'Mally** take notes in Miss Christine Elibasich's third hour Sociology class. Sociology was a course taken by many students to complete a social studies major.

the program was good because "you learn something from it that you can use the rest of your life."

One subject most students didn't think about was PreVocational Education. These classes were designed for students with learning disabilities and mild physical handicaps. Most PreVocational Education classes taught regular required academic subjects such as math, English and health. However, Mr. Gregg Neel taught Work Related Studies and Work Orientation. These classes were offered to prepare students to live independently, said Mr. Neel, "if that's possible to do in a classroom."

Health taught students about the body functions and better health habits. "Health teaches you how to take care of your body," said sophomore Bob Vendramin. Mr. Robert Smith had speakers come into his health classes and talk about different subjects.



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Assisting junior **Crystal Gokey** is Mr. John De-Coster in his third hour Psychology class.



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Approximately 60 students took PreVocational Education at PHS. Juniors **Becky Emery** and **Laurie Patterson** read in Mr. Gregg Neel's third hour class.

**Mr. Robert Smith** introduces Mr. Bones, the school skeleton, to senior **Kristina Zabala** and sophomore **Pat Rossiter** in the 10th hour health class. Students were required to learn the names of certain bones.



# Aprendiendo! Scio! Apprende! Lernen!

by Scott Baker  
and Guy Maudlin

Why bother to take a foreign language? What did a foreign language have to offer?

"A foreign language teaches one to be very disciplined in his or her study habits," said Ms. Sandra Zeller, Spanish teacher. The learning of the cultures of other people helps one to understand foreigners better. Also, one understands the English language better as a result of comparing it to the foreign language.

PHS offered four different languages: French, German, Latin and Spanish. Each of the languages was divided into four years. The first year was an introduction and the remaining years futhered the students' knowledge.

A foreign language is often a prerequisite for certain jobs. Jessica Parker, sophomore, said, "To be an airline stewardess, it requires the use of many languages."

"Studying a foreign language is interesting, and I like learning," freshman Amy Motley said.

In foreign language classes, many students learned the foreign countries' cultures and how they differ from that of the United States. They performed skits, spoke with each other, listened to music in a different language and tried ethnic foods. Some classes went on field trips and saw plays and other live performances.

Taking a foreign language in high school could help one with meeting people from other countries in college. Mr.

Senior Debbie Connors idly types away in her third hour typing class.

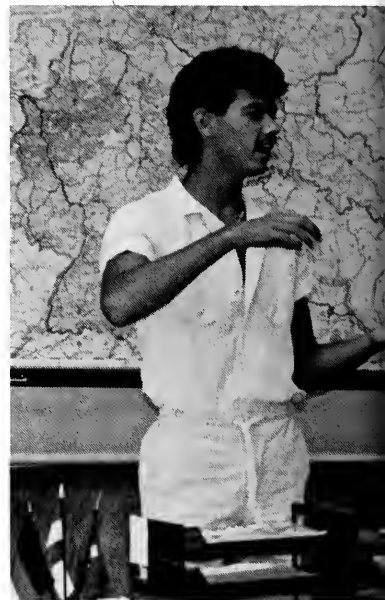
Tom Lauerman, guidance counselor, explained, "A person can have a better understanding of the English language. A student could also receive a sort of scholarship. The college will give you a special test, and if you pass, they will give you your first two years' credit and start you on your third year. This way you do not have to pay for your first two years."

Taking a business class could also broaden one's horizons. Typing and general office keeping courses were available. "Eighty per cent of the student body takes typing in high school," according to Mr. Lauerman. He also said that typing should be required, and that it was very handy when it came to reports and papers in college.



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Andy Smith, junior, practices his typing skills out of a textbook in his typing class.



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**Rajie Soundararajan and Jim Ritchie** return to share their experiences with the German III class. They were in Germany for six weeks in the summer of '84.

**Scanning the Readers' Guide**, Sissi Rossi prepares for her third hour debate class.



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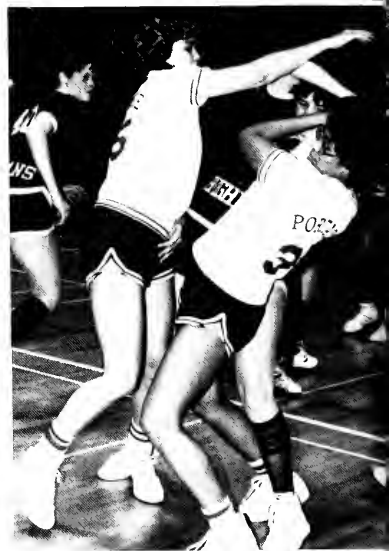
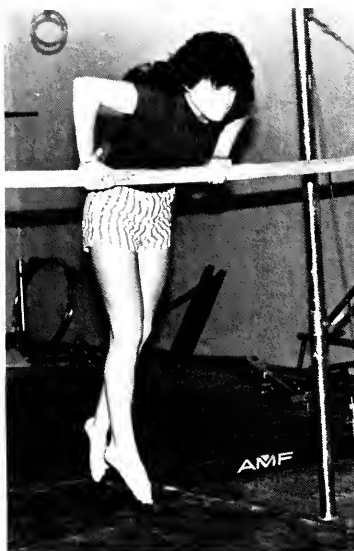
**Sophomores Paul Mathews, Bernice Santana and Terry Thomas** act out a scene in their third hour Spanish II class.

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Showing the determination necessary to be a gymnast, sophomore Linda Medina mounts the uneven parallel bars. The success of the 1984 U.S. Olympic gymnastic teams has greatly increased the popularity for both men's and women's gymnastics.

Junior Stacy McCammon comes to the aid of junior Melissa Flores during a game against Chester-ton. The Indians won the game with a final score of 49-42.

Mark Kinchloe holds the ball while Bubba Barney practices place kicking. Bubba was one of the many injured varsity football players.



Junkin



Although the tennis team worked hard to earn its undefeated season record, practices were not all work. Junior Craig Trocino juggles his tennis balls before a meet.

The Portage cross country team captured the state title for the second time in 10 years. Portage runners are grouped together at the beginning of the State Championship race.



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**Felice Shinneman** glances at the water to assure her entry while performing an inward back dive in pike position.

by Rachel Junkin

**W**e're number 1! We're number 1!" This chant rang out at many athletic events. Cheerleaders, Pep Club and yelling fans all tried to motivate their team to win the game.

Enthusiastic fans cannot win a state championship for any team. However, as the boys' cross country team discovered, they are fun to celebrate with after a victory. The cross country team went to the state meet with dreams of a first place trophy and a busload of fans. They came home with their trophy to the congratulations of even more fans.

Fan support was important to athletes. Many said they performed much better to the roar of the crowd. Freshman basketball player Larry Aukssel said that fan support helped any team. "I feel the crowd is a major factor of the

game."

Varsity football and basketball always had plenty of support, but other, less popular sports weren't so lucky. Golf, track, girls' cross country and gymnastics rarely drew big crowds. "Girls' and boys' track alike could both use support. We work hard, and recognition for hard work is nice," said track team member Sharon Bronson. "Cheering or support of any kind helps an athlete," she added. Pep Club encouraged all teams by giving flowers to the team members before important events and by placing supportive signs and posters in the student commons.

True fans are loyal through thick and thin, even though their numbers often increase drastically during a winning season. "We're number 1!" will probably always ring out for the PHS teams whether they really are or not.

# Injuries plague team

by Denny Darrow

Injuries. Talk about them to Portage Head Coach Les Klein and he'll name off a list of players longer than a line of people waiting to buy Lotto tickets. "I feel as though the team was plagued by injuries," said Klein. Coach Klein said that the team was better than average, but the injuries did limit the team's success.

Key players such as seniors Tim Bulva, Mark McWhirter, Larry Vickrey and Rob Wishnevski were all injured at some point. "At any given time during the season, someone was hurt," said senior defensive back Tim Kunstek. Tim concurred with Coach Klein, saying that the injuries were a major obstacle to their having a good year.

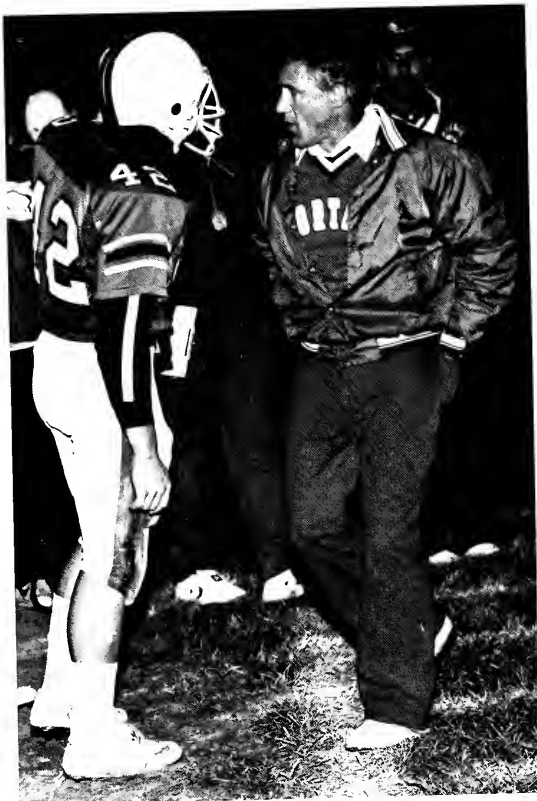
The team started workouts in mid-August at camp. They would get up at 6 a.m. and work out until 5 p.m. The team's goal at that point of the season was to make it to the playoffs, which they accomplished on Homecoming by defeating Hammond Morton. A record of 4-6 would usually not lead to such a result, but the team won the games required to capture their second straight Cluster 4 championship. Kunstek said, "Making the playoffs was definitely the highlight of our season."

Commenting on the season, Klein said the defense was the strong point of the team. "Except for a couple of occasions, they played quite well. The majority of the defensive personnel were experienced players." In regards to the offense, Klein said that the "inconsistency" of the offense was the weak spot of the team. Kunstek added that he thought the special teams (kick-offs, punt coverage, etc.) played well.

"With a couple of breaks, we could have easily been 6-5," said Klein. "I think 6-5 better states the talent we had this season."

**Coach Les Klein** confers with junior Dan Johnson on the sidelines. Coach Klein led the Indians to their second consecutive Cluster 4 championship.

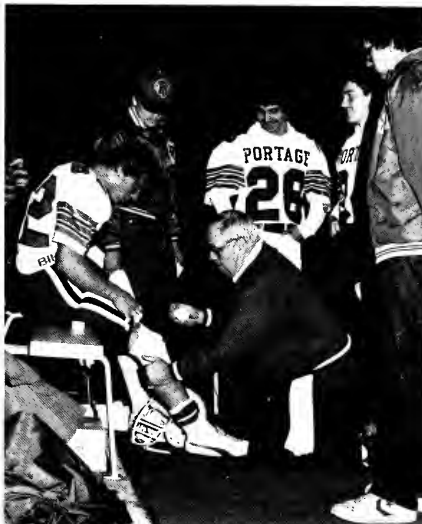
**Senior Rob Wishnevski** busts across the goal line for one of his 10 touchdowns this season. Rob also led the team with 757 yards rushing.



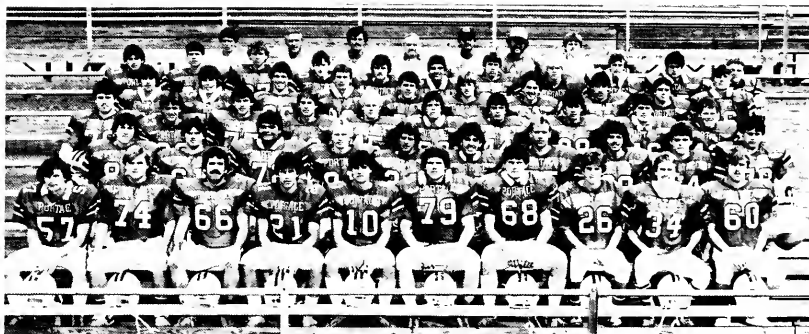


In a cluster game against Michigan City Rogers, junior Bubba Barney boots through a point after attempt. Along with handling the kicking duties, Bubba also played running back for the Indians.

Trainer Robert "Doc" Kerns applies tape to senior Dan Steward's knee as injured seniors Tony Cheky and Larry Vickrey look on. The team suffered numerous injuries throughout the season which kept Doc and his assistants very busy.



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**VARSITY FOOTBALL**—Front Row: Don Spicer, Delaney Campbell, Dennis Webber, Brian Trapp, Tim Kuntsek, Tim Bulva, Jim Clark, Dan Stanley, Larry Vickrey, Mark McWhirter. Row 2: Wayne Gerber, Jeff McWaters, Mark Lujan, Dave Milligan, Dan Salain, Mark Kincheloe, Dwayne Hallman, Tony Cheky, Seth Irvin, Dave Luketich. Row 3: Rick Hooker, Matt Lakomek, Tom Davis, Nick Vlasic, Bill Smith, Chris Johns, Bryon Lambert, Allen Rector, Bill Parish, Dan Johnson. Row 4: Tony Nygra, Scott Jones, Tim Schuler, John Prall, Greg Crizer, Mark Scobey, Mike Rosperski, Jerry Hays, Bubba Barney, Rob Wishevski. Row 5: Dave Adams, Steve Kilgore, Andy Smith, Jim Sherrill, Joe Morales, John Zaragoza, Dennis Watts, Jeff Hinkle, Jon Michael, Frank Shirvinski, Ron Ozbolt. Back Row: Mgr. Don Wozniak, Head Coach Les Klein, Coach Dave Mattix, Trainer Robert Kerns, Coach Pete Turpa, Coach Tom Milakovic, Mgr. John Cannon.

## VARSITY FOOTBALL

4-6

Highland	won	Hobart	lost
Valparaiso	lost	Morton	won
LaPorte	won	Chesterton	lost
Merrillville	lost	Crown Point	lost
Lew Wallace	lost	Sectionals	lost
Rogers	won		

# JV practices rougher than freshman practices

by Denise Kalina

There are several major differences between freshman and junior varsity football.

Many of the differences occur within the attitude of the team members. Jason Cruz, sophomore, commented, "JV football this year has become more serious." Several JV players said that freshman football was like going out and playing with a group of friends.

For three years, sophomore Tracy Weis played school football. Tracy's opinion was that the JV season was "twice as hard" as any previous years. "JV is a lot harder and more intense," Tracy remarked.

Coaches have some impact on the feelings of the team members. A lot of players compared the coaches of the freshman teams and the JV team. Sophomore Mike

**Sophomore Dean Szabo** adjusts his mouthpiece before going into a game against Valparaiso.

**Sophomore Ed Aleman** passes the ball to sophomore Danny Condrin in a plot to upset Valparaiso. However, the plan failed, and the final score was 0-7.

Miller noted that the coaches helped them (the players) learn "a lot of discipline." Tracy also said, "The coaches are a lot stricter."

The freshman season prepares the players for their junior varsity season, while the JV season prepares the team members for their varsity season.

## JUNIOR VARSITY

3-6

Bishop Noll	won	Rogers	won
Valparaiso	lost	Hobart	lost
LaPorte	lost	Lake Central	lost
Merrillville	lost	Chesterton	won
Griffith	lost		



**JV FOOTBALL** — Front Row: John Smith, Eddie Rael, Wally McCormack, Danny Condrin, Jeff Sitar, Terry Evans, Ken Elwood. Row 2: Tom Trapani, Mike Miller, Tom Cooley, Bobby Saylor, David Kaiser, Chuck Kozlowski, Scott Ershick, Carl Uhles. Row 3: Ken Kukler, Don Sickles, Scott Schlobohm, John Rodriguez, Mark Delucio, Paul Mathews,

Jason Cruz. Row 4: Wes Wild, Ron Zromkoski, Mike Babcock, Ed Kenworthy, Ed Aleman, Dean Szabo, John Panepinto, Brian Kelley. Row 5: Ernest Harlan, Tom Murray, Tracy Weis, Greg Crizer, Tom Bulva, Dave Burden, Mike Griffith. Back Row: Coach Don Alkire, Coach Terry Miller.





In a game against Valparaiso, sophomore quarterback Eddie Aleman calls the play.

**Running with the ball**, freshman Jeff Smith tries to gain yardage while a referee blows the whistle on him.



**FRESHMAN WHITE TEAM** — **Front Row:** Mike Hall, Dennis Weeks, Larry Dickerson, Darrell Chandler, Dave Howell, Dennis Snowdy, Steve Jahoda. **Row 2:** Dave Pieroni, John Parks, Dave Lopez, Dave Brown, Eric Lindfeldt, Jaime Velez, Peter Pradziad. **Row 3:** Coach Jon Soliday, Jeff

Smith, Ike Prieto, Kevin Myers, Dewayne Gibson, Bon Petretta, Greg Boswell, manager Autumn Lucky. **Back Row:** Mike Schuler, Tom Piner, Joe Croell, Larry Westmoreland, Jerry Bryan, Dave Morris, Scott Macloed, Coach Ken Berquist.



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**Freshman White Team**

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**Freshman Red Team**

2-4-2



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**FRESHMAN RED TEAM** — **Front Row:** Charlie Nordyke, Dean Tavernier, Jimmy Harris, Dwayne Bellar, Manuel Hernandez, Jon Barnes, Chuck McIntire. **Row 2:** Danny Malank, Andy Sultzer, Mike Janiga, Derick Thielbar, Thomas Suggs, Aaron Jarvis, Mike Parish, Roman Miestowski,

Tom Shurman. **Back Row:** Coach Steve Livingston, manager Patty Nairn, Marty Bertucci, Jerry Davison, Terry Filipas, Mark Tom, Bill Allison, Greg Coules, Chris Benac, Ron Rohaley, Fernando Samano, Mitch Degaetano, manager Teri Veatch, manager Tammy Wood.

**At a home game**, the freshman white football team huddles to figure out the play.



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# Team effort forces out individual players

by Denise Kalina

**T**eam effort is needed for a successful season.

Team effort played a big role during the '84-85 volleyball season. Coach Phyllis McVicker has coached the varsity volleyball team for three years and commented, "We were a unit this year." The previous season had "one or two people doing most of the work."

Some of the varsity and JV players had similar comments. Senior Jane Lucas said, "Everyone got along better; we were closer knit." Many players stressed the idea that the teams this year were "like a family."

Since the teamwork was better, the team records also showed improvement. The varsity team raised its record from 3-27 in 1982 to 14-10 in 1984. Senior Sarah Bettis said, "It felt really great to have a winning season!"

Sophomore Debbie Simola, a JV team

member, commented, "Our record was the best that PHS had had in a few years."

The volleyball season was different this year in spirit. One main difference was an enthusiastic group of boys known as the Bleacher Bums who cheered at the games. On a couple of occasions, the Bleacher Bums were a little too rowdy and caused PHS to receive a phone call from a complaining school. Several players mentioned that the Bleacher Bums "really got us going."

The future varsity team for 1985-86 "should be a little taller," commented Coach Phyllis McVicker. The JV coach, Miss Linda Ficken, had the same idea in mind about the future JV team. "They seem to have some height and lots of ability."

**Seniors Dawn Kalina and Jane Lucas try to block a spike from a LaPorte Slicer.**



Varsity team members cheer on teammates at a home game against Valparaiso.

**VARSITY VOLLEYBALL** — Front Row: Dawn Kalina, Rose Nordyke, Sherry Sortillo, Sharon Bronson, Rocky Colon, Tina Foreman. Back Row: Jane Lucas, Sarah Bettis, Patty Medina, Lisa Beshears, Paula Jose, Kellie Via, Coach Phyllis McVicker.



## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL 14-10

Crown Point	won	Lowell	won
Lake Central	lost	Lake Station	won
Marquette	won	LaPorte	lost
Wheeler/Wash.		Calumet/Gavit	
Twp.	won/lost		lost/won
Elston	won	Chesterton	won
Hobart	won	Rogers	lost
Morton/Mann		Bishop Noll	lost
	lost/won	Merrillville	lost
Valparaiso	won	Sectionals	2nd
Highland	lost		
Kankakee			
Valley	won		



An enthusiastic group of boys, otherwise known as the Bleacher Burns, supported the girls' volleyball team by cheering and singing songs they made up.



**FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL** — Front Row: Beth Simola, Cami Gagna, Kim Strom. Row 2: Tammy Trembly, Tiffany Brindza, Sirena Lockwood, Stacy Herren, Sara Solomon, Missy McGurren. Back Row: manager Debbie Wilson, Heather Sedan, Chris Reese, Clara Blakely, Annette Jennings, Kristy Nabhan, Sandy Fisher, Kerry Hickman, Coach Cheryl Kovalow, manager Cathy Szilage.

## FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

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Beth Simola, freshman, dives while making an attempt to save the ball against Bishop Noll.



Setting the ball at a home game, Linda Medina, sophomore, prepares the ball for a teammate.



## JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

13-8

**JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL** — Front Row: Christie Propsom, Beth Bodnar, Traci Weber, Lynne Kersten, Linda Medina. Row 2: Tina Ewen, Anne Terry, Denise Kalina, Colleen Richmond, Kathy Kilmurry. Back Row: Debbie Simola, Tina Blevins, Coach Linda Ficken, Belinda Burns, LeeAnn Radivan.

# Netters go undefeated, trimmed in sectionals

by Denny Darrow

As soon as summer vacation began, long before the tennis team had its first regular practice, the team was out on the courts. "A team that works hard and is dedicated in the off season — what more could a coach ask for?" Coach Rich Mason said.

As the season began, the summer workouts and practices paid off when the netters breezed through their first matches. The team grew stronger as the season wore on, and anxious PHS tennis followers began thinking about an unblemished season record. They had already defeated foe LaPorte, a loss that last year that kept them from winning the conference outright. "It was a very important win for us," said #2 singles player Matt Hale. Another victory over LaPorte at home and a 4-1 thrashing of Merrillville 15 days later gave the netters the conference title.

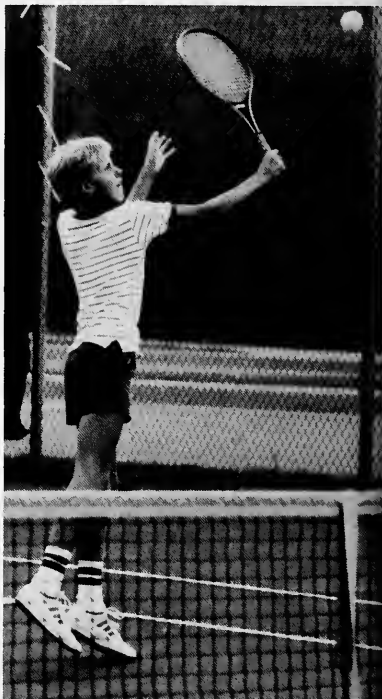
Going into the sectionals with an undefeated record of 16-0, bitter memories of

last year's emotional sectional loss started to come to mind. "We should have won it (sectionals) last year," said Coach Mason. "We were just too over confident." Going into this year's sectionals, Coach Mason said the team's attitude "isn't too cocky, I hope."

Just as the year before, the team breezed through the preliminary rounds into the finals, only to lose to LaPorte a team they had previously beaten twice. "We just never had control of the tempo. They just beat us," said a distraught Hale.

The team, consisting of seniors Rich Jennings, Matt Hale, and Bob Greavu as 1st, 2nd and 3rd singles, and the number 1 and 2 doubles teams of Craig Trocino and Dan Ialeggio, and Tim Levenda and Rex Homme, combined for 12 shutouts during the season. The team also was the first undefeated tennis team in PHS history. Hale said, "The returning players on this team have a lot of potential. I hope they accomplish next year what we have failed to do the last two."

**Junior Rex Homme** leaps for a ball during a home meet. Rex and his doubles partner Tim Levenda, junior, finished the regular season undefeated.



## Boys' Tennis

16-0

Andreas	won	LaPorte	won
Highland	won	Rogers	won
LaPorte	won	Hobart	won
Rogers	won	Elston	won
Crown Point	won	Chesterton	won
Hobart	won	Merrillville	won
Chesterton	won	Valparaiso	won
Merrillville	won	Sectionals	2nd
Valparaiso	won		

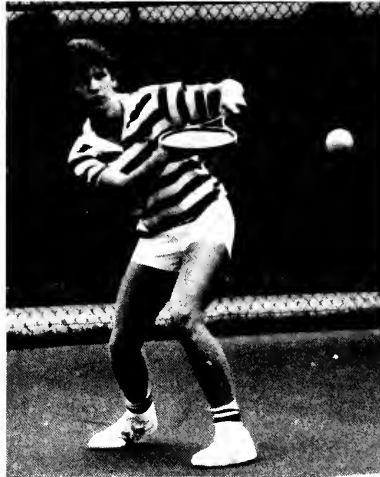


**VARSITY TENNIS** — Front Row: Dan Ialeggio, Rex Homme, Matt Hale, Scott Wentz. Back Row: Bob Greavu, Craig Trocino, John Mario, Rich Jennings, Brian Cotton, Tim Levenda, Mgr. Kim Rains.



**Focusing intently**, senior Rich Jennings smashes a return shot. Rich played number 1 singles for the varsity team for most of the season.

**JV TENNIS — Front Row:** Todd Fortini, Jamie Groves, Bob Hinkle, Jeff Davies, Phil Lane, Adam Condo. **Back Row:** Coach Stan Randolph, Pat Fogarty, Cary McKay, Mike Jones, Jeff Beattie, Mike Hinkle, Rick Dietz.



**JV team member** Mike Hinkle, sophomore, watches his return shot fly. This was Mike's first year of competition. The JV team finished the season, 14-1.

**While conversing** with the opposition, Coach Rich Mason hands junior Dan Ialeggio his tennis balls for the meet. It was Mason's eighth year as coach.

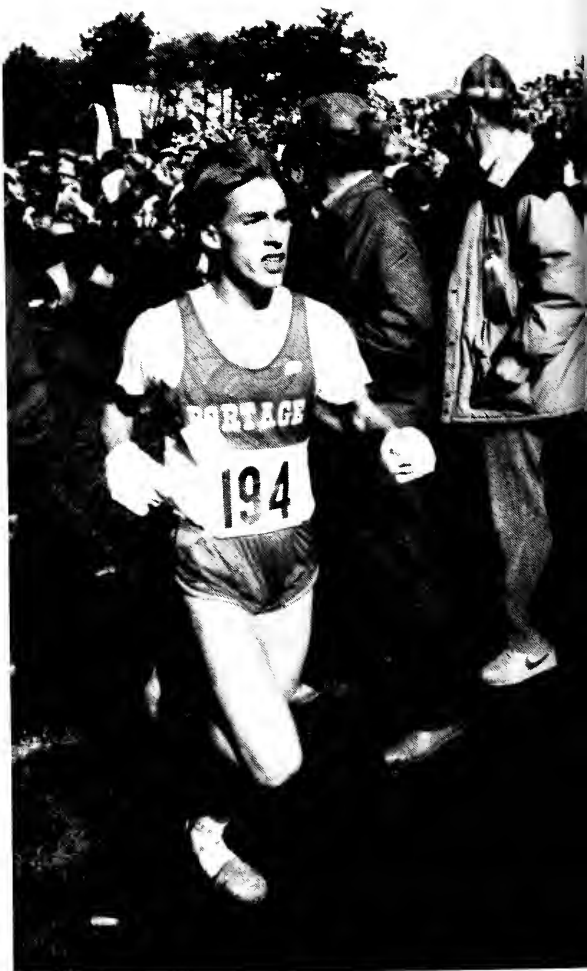


**Crossing the finish line** at the state meet, senior John Lowery finishes in ninth place. John finished first for the team at sectionals, regionals, semi-state and the state championship. John also received all state recognition.

**Freshman Jeff Smenyak** leads a pack of runners in the regional meet at Valparaiso University. Jeff and freshman Jeff Fitch were the only ninth graders to run in post-season competition for the team.



Gulich



Darrow



Darrow

**Boys' Cross Country** — **Front Row:** Charles Whelan, Jeff Phody. **Row 2:** Jerry Fogarty, Mick Koslow, Eric Colley, Jeff Fitch, Mike Terwilliger, Ass't. Coach Tom Sanidas, Coach Bill Wilke. **Row 3:** Tom Paulson, Scott Hufford, Pete Stahura, John Lowery, Al Mangene. **Back Row:** Dustin Jolly, Tony Kwiatkowski, Mike Baker, Jeff Brown, Pat McDonald.



Putting all his effort forward in hopes of having a good finishing time is senior Eric Colley. Not far behind Eric is junior co-captain Mick Koslow. "Running as a pack" was one of the strategies used by Coach Wilke which worked to the team's advantage.



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## CC captures state title, 'takes care of business'

It's about 10 minutes before the start of the meet. To the left are the opponents, nervously pacing and preparing for the upcoming race. Opposite the opponents are the PHS cross country team members, throwing acorns at each other and telling jokes as BTO's "Taking Care of Business" blasts in the background.

Why is this team so relaxed? "They have confidence in themselves and their training," said Coach Bill Wilke. "They face a race realistically," Wilke continued. "They know it's not a life-or-death situation if they lose." Senior all-state runner Eric Colley added, "We try not to think of the race too much. Just say to yourself, 'Hey, do what you've been doin' and you'll be fine.'"

If this team was nervous, it certainly didn't show as they swept by opponents to capture their second state title in 10 years. "Our main goal at the beginning of the season was to make it to the state meet and to run a good race when we got there," said Wilke. Eric added, "We had figured that we had a chance, somewhere in the top three (in the state)." Also an all-state runner, senior John Lowery commented on the season: "Going into the season, we knew we had a shot at the championship. Everybody really worked hard to reach their potential."

Working hard was vital to the cross

country team. They worked hard not only during the season; they put many hours into training in the off season also. "We started our summer program on June 1 and it continued until Aug. 31," said Eric. "I estimate that each member on the team ran between 550-700 miles this summer."

Senior Jeff Brown commented, "Everybody worked hard on their own to really make this a good team."

Patience was also a key to the team's success, said Wilke. "At the beginning of the season we weren't running too well," explained Eric. "Coach reassured us and told us to just wait for our training program to work out and eventually everything worked out." "The whole team was really worried about it, but Coach just told us to stick it out," said Jeff.

Wilke, in his 11th year as cross country coach, had nothing but praise for the team. "There's several things that make me happy with this team. As a team, they all stayed together, and put the time in to be champs. I'm proud that they're all good students and that they are all very coachable; they follow instructions well," he explained.

Is this the best team you've ever had? "Yes," replied an emphatic Wilke. "Not to slight the 1974 team (also state champs), this team overall, as leaders and gentlemen, are the best."



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Running hard at Woodland Park is senior Pete Stahura. This dual meet win over MC Rogers and Chesterton gave Coach Coach Wilke his 100th career dual win.

### Boys' Cross Country

5-0

Gavit Invnt.	won
Griffith	won
Merrillville	won
Rensselaer Central Invnt.	won
LaPorte	won
New Prairie Invnt.	won
Rogers/Chesterton	won
Southport Invnt.	won
Dolton, IL Invnt.	2nd
Conference	won
Sectionals	won
Regionals	won
Semi-state	won
State finals	won

Listening to the accolades of the student body, the state champs present their championship trophy to PHS. From left to right: Coach Bill Wilke, John Lowery, Eric Colley, Charles Whelan, Jeff Brown, Mick Koslow, Tony Kwiatkowski, Pete Stahura, Jeff Smenyak and Jeff Fitch. The team was acknowledged by many organizations and even on a highway billboard.



## Cross Country

# High morale helps girls' teams through difficulties

by Denise Kalina

**H**igher morale supported the girls' cross country and golf teams through rough seasons.

"Injuries are higher this year, but so is our team spirit," commented Lori Romanov, senior, about the girls' CC team. Lori was one of the many runners injured during the season. Six of the team members were injured in such ways as knee, legs, back or even respiratory problems. Freshman Roberta McCausland did not participate all season because of a knee injury.

Coach Renee Turpa remarked that the girls got along better than they had the previous year. She also commented that the eighth grade team looked "encouraging for the future."

Despite the high spirit among the golf team, players had a disappointing season.

**Senior Kristin Kurtz** earns first place in a tri-meet against Rogers and Chesterton.

Since injuries were a major problem for the girls' CC team this season, senior Kristin Kurtz stretches out junior Crystal Gokey's leg muscles.

**GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY** — **Front Row:** Kristin Kurtz, Crystal Gokey, Maria Middleton, Carrie Biggs. **Row 2:** Lori Romanov, Jeannie Wilson, Debbie Williams. **Back Row:** Coach Renee Turpa, Shelby Potts, Stacy Ball, Micky Bollinger, Coach Ruth Aydelotte.

"The good spirit among the team members helped a lot. The girls have always gotten along well," said Coach Mike Leonard. "The team performed well even though there appeared to be less experience." He also commented that, since there was less experience, the girls performed as well as could be expected from a young team.

### GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

1-5

Crown Point	lost	Rogers/	
Merrillville	won	Chesterton	lost
Rensselaer		Highland Invt.	9th
Central	4th	Valpo/Hobart	lost
LaPorte	lost	Dolton Illiana	14th
New Prairie		Highland	3rd
Invt.	10th	Sectional	5th



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**Bringing back** her club, sophomore Kathy Smith concentrates on the ball during practice.

**Coach Mike Lemond** keeps careful watch on junior Debbie Condo's form at practice.



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**GIRLS' GOLF** — **Front Row:** Kelly Lomax, Vera Czachanski, Debbie Parker, Terri Vittetoe, Denise Gumm, Paula Boswell. **Back Row:** Coach Mike Lemond, Debbie Condo, Cheryl Morehouse, Kathy Smith, Vicky Smith, Lorri Martin, Josie Jent.

## GIRLS' GOLF

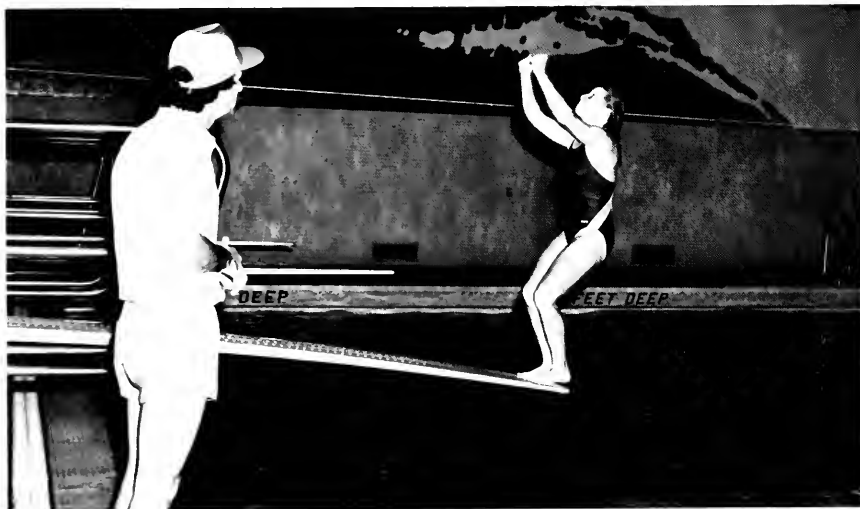
4-7

Chesterton	lost	Valparaiso	lost
Knox	won	Munster	won
Merrillville	lost	Elston	lost
Rogers	lost	Marquette	lost
Hobart	won	LaPorte	lost
Roosevelt	won	Sectionals	5th

**Lorri Martin**, senior, works on her forward swing during a practice at Robbinhurst Golf Course.

Stretched, flexible muscles were needed for swimming long distances. Junior JoLyn Arvin pulls on senior Jenny Bumbales's arms before she enters the pool.

Junior Denise Fisher pushes off the wall as she starts a backstroke event.



Coach Bill Chappo watches as sophomore Debbie Mueller executes a dive. Debbie's season record was 11-1.

## Girls' Swimming and Diving

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Rogers	Lost	Valparaiso	Lost
Hobart	Lost	Merrillville	Won
Crown Point	Lost	LaPorte	Lost
Lowell	Won	Rensselaer	
Highland	Lost	Central	Won
Munster	Lost	Conference	6th
Chesterton	Lost	Sectionals	7th
Bishop Noll	Lost		



## Dedication, hard work alleviates weak season

by Mike Johnson

It was a year to start over again for the girls' swim team in two respects.

First of all, they were led by rookie coach Karen Girgenti, who became the second coach in the squad's 12-year history. Secondly, the team consisted of almost entirely freshmen and sophomores. Only four letter winners returned from the 1983 group. Ten swimmers had not even participated at the AAU level.

"I had to win their confidence," explained Coach Girgenti. "The girls were used to doing things a certain way. More Saturday practices helped with the team's performance." For the first time the girls, as a team, used Nautilus, instead of working out on their own. Also, swimmers stretched out before practice and ran to keep in the best possible shape. It was discouraging at first for a few members, but Coach Girgenti noted that the swimmers kept on working hard.

The large turnout of freshmen impressed Coach Girgenti. "I was worried last spring because they (the previous coaches) had told me that it would take several years before a large turnout would occur." She also anticipated the possibility of losing experienced swimmers who were closely attached to former Coach Dick Swisher. He had become closely related to the team over his 11-year stint as coach.

Even with adverse conditions, Coach Girgenti was pleased with the group's performance, capped by fourth place sectional finishes by sophomore Debbie Mueller in the one meter dive, senior Jenny Bumbales in the 200 freestyle and senior Anne Jensen in the 100 breaststroke. Debbie missed a perfect regular season on a third place finish against LaPorte. "The team exceeded my expectations. I was really proud of them."



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**GIRLS' SWIMMING AND DIVING** — Front Row: Felice Shinneman, Deanna McClarnon, Debbie Mueller, Charlotte Ahrendt. Row 2: Coach Bill Chappo, Jolyn Arvin, Anne Jensen, Becky Allison, Val Smith. Row 3: Laura Haines, Jenny Bumbales, Linda Tipton, Colleen Carr, Lisa Falls, Dana Carter, Cassie Gouger, Kerry Carr. Back Row: Coach Karen Girgenti, Mgr. Rob Parks, Jasmina Kincheloe, Judy Hancock, Karen Korenich, Shannon Yates, Coco Gouger, Denise Fisher, Heidi Grenchik.

Swim timers were a vital part of the season. If the advanced computer system failed, records could still be maintained.

# Cagers win despite . . .

by Denny Darrow

With four of the five starters from last year lost to graduation, Coach Greg Kirby knew he had a rebuilding job to do.

Coach Kirby entered the 1984-1985 campaign with four seniors returning from last year's squad, three of whom had seen very little game action. The team was very "green" and was labeled so by many area coaches and newspapers, but this team soon quieted the speculation.

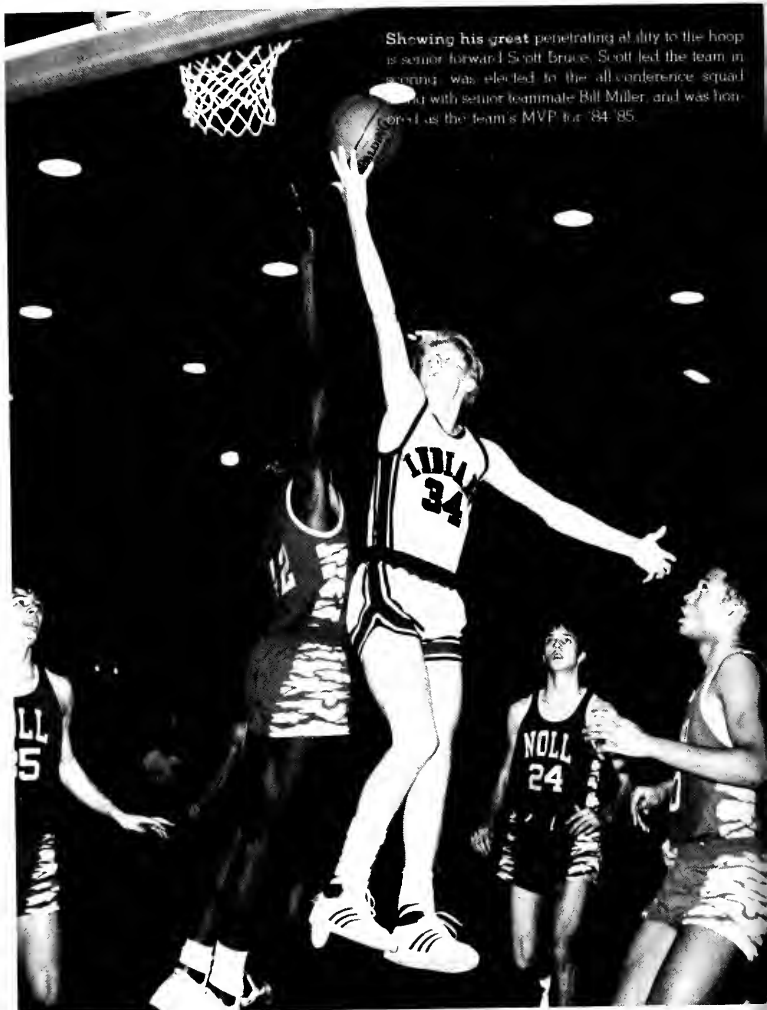
As the cagers entered their first game of the season, the squad was counting on experienced senior Bill Miller to handle most of the scoring punch. Miller responded well to the pressure, contributing both offensively and defensively all season. After a shaky first game, the team started to run its offense and defense with great fluency. "Once everyone got their assignments down, we did a pretty decent job on both ends of the court," commented senior forward Scott Bruce.

"We had some trouble at first, but eventually we got the bugs worked out," said Bill.

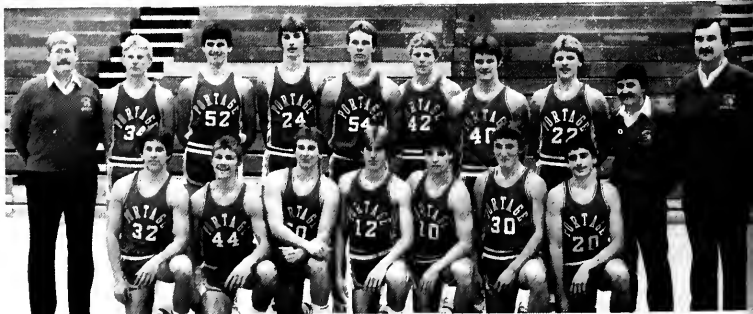
With all the odds against them on having a winning season, this team pulled together to prove their critics wrong. "If somebody would have told me that we were going to be 5-1 after our first six games, I would've been thrilled," said Coach Kirby. "These kids have really played sound basketball."

Probably the most exciting game for the Indians and the PHS fans was Jan. 18, a home game with conference rival LaPorte. After being down as much as 22-5 in the first quarter, the Tribe, led by Bruce's perimeter shooting, made up the deficit to force the game into overtime. With eight seconds left in the first OT, senior Scott Bruce drove the lane and put up a shot that hit off the back of the rim. With one second left, senior guard Tim Kunstek scooped up the ball and put it in as the buzzer sounded. The shot sent the crowd into hysteria.

Foul trouble caught up with the Indians in the second OT, though, and ended up losing a thrilling contest by three points. Bruce commented that the team showed a lot of poise and stuck together when the game "was theoretically out of reach."



Showing his great penetrating ability to the hoop is senior forward Scott Bruce. Scott led the team in scoring, was elected to the all-conference squad along with senior teammate Bill Miller, and was honored as the team's MVP for '84-'85.



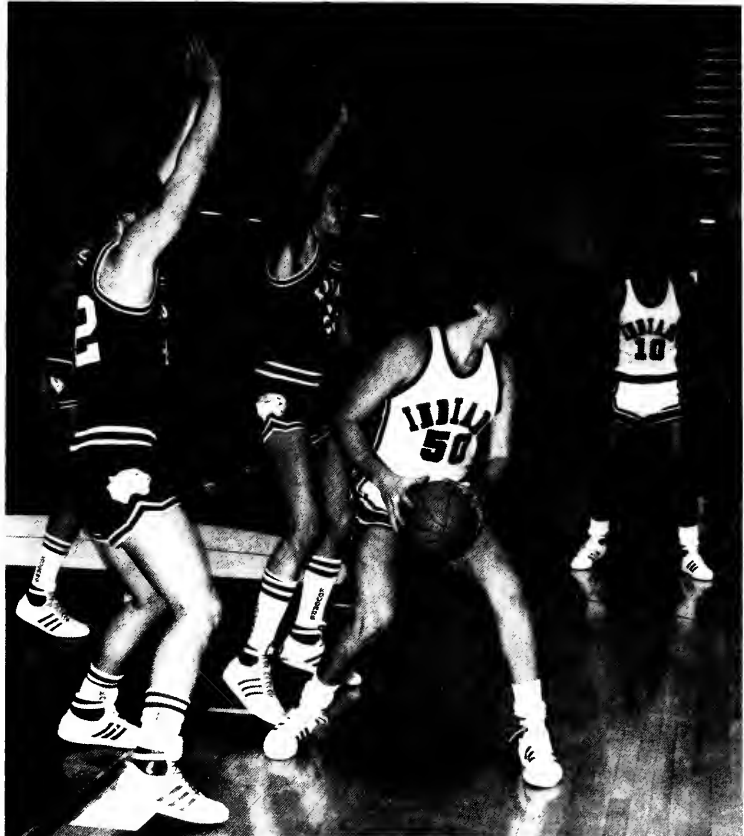
**BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL — Front Row:** Brian Trapp, Don Bogard, John Prall, Bob Greavu, Tim Kunstek, Preston Cobb, John Panepinto. **Back Row:** Coach Tom Taylor, Scott Bruce, Tom Davis,

Mike Wologo, Bill Miller, Jim Fitch, Don Draia, Dan Radinsky, Coach John Hutton, Head Coach Greg Kirby.



**Weaving among four opponents** to put up a shot is senior center Bill Miller. Bill gained special distinction in this game by becoming only the second player in PHS history to have a "slam dunk" basket.

**Trapped in a zone** defense, junior John Pratt looks for and spots a teammate, senior guard Tim Kunstek. John was used extensively in games as Portage's "sixth man."



**Senior Tim Kunstek** prevents his Bishop Noll opponent from driving to the basket. Tim was one of four returning seniors for Head Coach Greg Kirby.



**Setting up** one of the Indians' many offensive patterns is senior Bob Greavu. Portage's new "equal-opportunity" offense seemed to work well for the Indians all year, which resulted in a balanced scoring attack.

## BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

11-9

Lowell	lost	LaPorte	lost
MC Elston	won	Highland	won
Calumet	won	Chesterton	lost
Kankakee		Valparaiso	lost
Valley	won	Merrillville	lost
Lake Station	won	Clark	won
Andean	won	MC Rogers	won
Bishop Noll	lost	Lake Central	lost
Munster	lost	Crown Point	lost
Hammond		Sectionals:	
High	won	Morgan Township	won
Morton	won	Chesterton	lost
Hobart	won		

# JV takes on new look; freshmen prepare

by Denny Darrow

**P**HS basketball fans may have noticed a "new look" JV team this past season — a stronger and taller team than in the past.

Coach Greg Kirby implemented the idea of having the junior team members who weren't seeing much playing time on the varsity level move down and play with the JV squad. Coach Kirby said instead of just sitting the bench during the varsity games, the juniors could gain valuable game experience by playing JV. Junior Jim Fitch said, "The juniors can gain a more competitive edge for the following season. It allows us to gather confidence in our play."

"With the sophomores having to compete with the juniors for starting positions, it made them work even harder, which will help their individual play tremendously," said JV Coach John Hutton. Jim added, "It makes the sophomores work harder because of the physical size difference."

As the team ended its season with a record of 11-9, the juniors looked forward to their senior season. "There's no doubt in my mind that this season really helped my game," said Fitch. "It will give added experience for next year."

As the JV progressed, so did the Freshman Indians. When Head Coach Rich Hahn went down with a head injury, the

team "started to come together and play well," said interim coach Tom Sanidas. "They grew to realize that basketball is a team game combining both good offense and defense." David Wayne, "A" level player, commented, "The team really played well when Coach Hahn got hurt. I think the experience we gained this year will really help us next year for the JV level."

## BOYS' JV BASKETBALL 12-8

Lowell	lost	Hobart	lost
MC Elston	won	LaPorte	lost
Calumet	lost	Highland	won
Kankakee		Chesterton	won
Valley	won	Valparaiso	lost
Lake Station	won	Merrillville	lost
Andrean	won	Clark	won
Bishop Noll	won	MC Rogers	lost
Munster	won	Lake Central	won
Hammond	won	Crown Point	lost
Morton	won		

Looking to drive around his Kankakee Valley opponent is sophomore JV player Preston Cobb. Preston was one of the sophomores that saw a lot of playing time on the JV squad.



**BOYS' JV BASKETBALL** — Front Row: Scott Schlobohm, Dan Condrion, Terry Evans, Mitch Lyons, Dean Szabo, Joel Serbin. Row 2: Mike Lyons, John Rodriguez,

Rick Kalina, Preston Cobb, Mike Quaka, John Panepinto. Back Row: Dan Radinsky, Don Bogard, Tom Davis, Mike Wologo, Jim Havrilla, Jim Fitch, Coach John Hutton.

## BOYS' FRESHMAN BASKETBALL 12-5

MC Rogers	lost	Chesterton	won
Jefferson	won	Franklin	lost
Hobart	won	EC Washington	won
Lowell	won	Harrison	won
River Forest	won	Pierce	won
Highland	won	Morton	won
Lake Central	won	Boone Grove	won
LaPorte	lost	Lake Station	won
Bishop Noll	lost		



# Basketball



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**Sophomore Joel Serbin** looks for a way to dribble around an Andrean opponent. The JV team went on to beat Andrean in a close game.

**Sophomore Mike Wologo** jumps for the ball during the Hammond Noll game. At 6'7" Mike was one of the taller players on the JV team.

**Driving the baseline**, junior Don Bogard looks for a possible shot. Don was one of the many juniors who played on the JV squad to gain experience for the varsity level next season.



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**FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL** — Front Row: David Wayne, Andy Middleton, Mike Hall, Aaron Jarvis, Larry Auksel. Row 2: Jeff Smith, Dennis Urchick, Marty Bertucci, Mike Schuler, Billy Allison. Back Row: John Parks, Mark Tom, David Oldham, Cary McKay, Matt Manoski.

# Quantity overpowered by quality for success

by Denise Kalina

The size of a team may help it in tremendous ways, but there are some who have to deal with small teams and limited participation in the tryouts before the season gets under way.

The girls' basketball teams had to deal with this problem from the beginning of the season all the way through to the final game.

The junior varsity coach, Mrs. Renee Turpa, said, "I don't think it really affected our team because the girls who did come out really wanted to play."

"Our team did well during the season because we worked together as a team, and no one took all the glory," commented sophomore Shelly Heckman.

Despite the quantity of the players, a new record was established by the junior varsity team for the least number of losses with the record of 13-5.

Coach Turpa was pleased with the outcome of the season. "The same team minus two starting players from last year had a school record. I think they have proven to themselves and others that dedication, determination, and desire can make them and anyone 'winners'."

As for the outlook of next year's team, varsity Coach Bernita Adkins said that the team will be "inexperienced but eager".

Coach Turpa had a different attitude on the topic. "(Next year's team) depends on what they do over the summer. The future looks promising, but I think they have seen what a little work will bring them — success!"

## GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

13-7

Calumet	won	Morton	won
North Judson	won	Hobart	won
Gavit	won	Valparaiso	lost
Crown Point	lost	Lake Station	won
Chesterton	lost	Rogers	lost
Washington Twp.	won	Lake Central	lost
Highland	won	LaPorte	won
Merrillville	won	Portage Tourney	2nd
River Forest	won	Sectionals	3rd



**VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL** — Front Row: Val Ingram, Kellie Via, Becky Alderson, Mickey Bollinger, Lisa Romanov. Row 2: Melissa Flores, Linda Leeper, Sue Demorotski, Brenda Sutherland, Coach Bernita Adkins.

**Junior Melissa Flores** fights for the basketball against a Highland opponent. Portage won, 49-42.





**Injuries** plagued senior Val Ingram during most of the season, but she was back on the track and helped the team to victory (50-38) against LaPorte.

**FRESHMAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL** — **Front Row:** Lisa Capps, Dawn Roque, Done Sulich, Tammy Neubaum, Kerry Hickman, Sarah Matusiak, Assistant Coach Karen Arwood. **Row 2:** Kerry Springman, Clara Blakely, Stacy Ball, Linda Tipton, Toni Bogdan, Stephanie Dillon, Roberta McCausland, Coach Linda Radivan. **Back Row:** Kelly Pofahl, Janice Slavey, Amy Levenda, Tracy Smith, Heather Johnson, Lori Wahlman, Judy Walker, manager Renee Roy.

## FRESHMAN

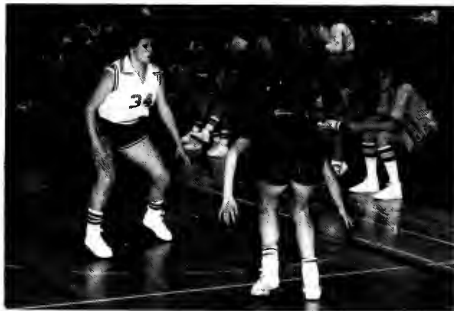
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**JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL** — **Front Row:** Debbie Richardson, LeeAnn Radivan, Shelly Heckman. **Row 2:** Lisa Romanov, Carrie Biggs. **Row 3:** Coach Renee Turpa, Laurie Stanley, Denise Kalina, Shannon Gibson, Lynne Kersten.

## JUNIOR VARSITY

13-5

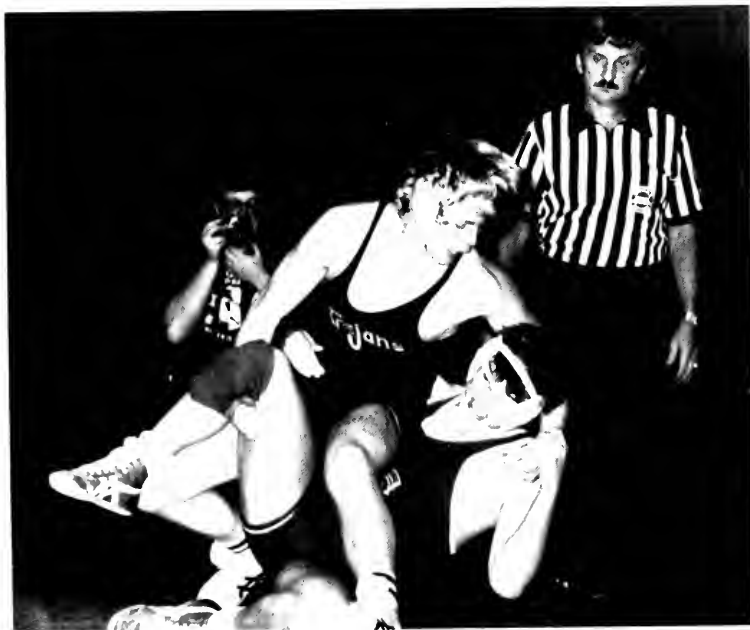


**Freshman Kelly Pofahl** concentrates for free-throw perfection in a game against Gavit.

**Keeping on her toes** while playing defense was a major factor for sophomore Shelly Heckman during the season to help secure the season record (13-5).



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In preparation for the state meet, senior José Reyes wrestles a Portage teammate. At the 145-pound weight class, José won the sectional tournament and made it through the regional and semi-state competitions, before losing in the state preliminaries.

Wrestling team captain, senior Delaney Campbell, attempts to roll over his Chesterton opponent. Delaney had been been a member of the wrestling team since his sophomore year.



Coach Bruce Sheriff, with team captain Delaney Campbell at his side, reacts to one of his player's moves in a match against Chesterton. Coach Sheriff for his long devotion to high school wrestling, was inducted into the Indiana Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1985.

## Wrestlers look into future

by Denny Darrow

With the 1984-1985 wrestling season all down in the annals of PHS sports, members of the squad were looking towards the future.

Senior team captain Delaney Campbell said, "It was a learning year. In about two years a lot of these guys will mature, and they'll have an awesome team." All but three of the members on the squad were underclassmen. "They wrestled well at JV tournaments," said Campbell.

Sophomore Adam Condo, a semi-state qualifier, said that the team had a great showing at the conference meet and did

well in sectionals. "We did a decent job this year, and hard work along with experience will make us stronger for next year," he added.

This was the second consecutive year that Adam competed in the semi-state competition.

With all the talk about looking ahead for the promising future of the matmen, the season had "some outstanding efforts," according to Head Coach Bruce Sheriff. "The conference meet was really an outstanding team effort."

One of the few seniors on the squad, Jose Reyes, capped off his high school wrestling career by making it through sec-

tionals, regionals, semi-state, and finally to the state championships. Jose ended this season with over 25 wins.

### WRESTLING

0-5-1

Lake Central		Invite	3rd
Invite	4th	LaPorte	lost
Hobart	lost	Conf. at Valpo	4th
Merrillville	lost	Chesterton	tie
Valparaiso	lost	Culver Invite	5th
Hammond High		Rogers	lost
Tourney	2nd	Sectionals	3rd
Crown Point		Regionals	10th
Tourney	3rd	Semi-state	20th
Chesterton			



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Sophomore Adam Condo goes for a pin in a match against Chesterton while the referee looks for the 1-2 count. Adam made the semi-state for the second year in a row.



**WRESTLING** — Front Row: Joe Medina, Adam Condo, Jeff Byerman, Jerry Barnes, Donald Goodman. Row 2: Karl Rushing, Delaney Campbell, Paul Mathews, Tommy Olivarez, Ron Thoreson, Jose Reyes, Joe Mack, George Cortina, Brian Elkins, Rick Hooker, Brian Kelley, Dave Alaniz. Back Row: Head Coach Bruce Sheriff, Mike Ozbolt, Mike Belongia, Mitch Salain, Bobby Steele, Chris Mueller, Wes Wild, Alan Mangene, Lee Chapman, Doug Draia, Joe Bogdan, Chris Smith, Mark Burch, Mitch DeGaetano, Todd Gregory, Coach Steve Cook.

# Practices important part of swim season

by Denise Kalina

Every sport, whether it is well known or rarely heard of, begins its season with hard, strenuous workouts. Boys' swimming and diving teams were no exception.

From the beginning of the season to the end, practices began as early as 6 a.m. lasting until 7 a.m. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays the swim team worked out with Nautilus, while on Tuesdays and Thursdays members practiced in the pool. Every day after school they swam for two hours (3-5 p.m.). Junior Tim Kiefer said, "It's something you have to do if you want to be a good team."

"It's tough, but it is something you have to do," Co-captain Sean McMullen, senior, commented.

Coach Ralph Mundt said, "If we could do without practices I surely would, but there is no other way. Practices are the most important part of any season. We have been practicing very hard, and I think the results are showing." One of the many results shown happened to the 400

free relay team. This group, composed of Scott Matuga, Tom Quitasol, Mark Fortner, and Sean McMullen, set a new school record at the LaPorte sectionals.

The turnout was large, but that was not a factor in the closeness among the team members because they were considered a "family". The swimmers stuck together as a whole. Freshman Tim Syperek said, "There's lots of team spirit. It's not an individual effort; it is a team effort."

Sometimes, the two teams, swimming and diving, do not get along very well because of the differences in their type of swimming, but PHS's boys' swimming and diving teams this year were different. Senior Jim Lovell said, "We're all one team; there is no difference between the swimming and diving teams."

As for the future, the team has gained new potential by working hard. Many new swimmers were added to the team, and Coach Mundt said he has many promising swimmers. "Our freshman class is the best since I've been here," commented Coach Mundt.

## BOYS' SWIMMING

7-9

Wirt	won	LaPorte	lost
Rogers	won	Lowell	won
Hobart	won	Valparaiso	lost
Munster Relays	4th	Rensselaer	
Highland	lost	Central	won
Merrillville	won	Crown Point	lost
Chesterton	lost	Conference	4th
LaPorte Inv.	6th	Sectionals	4th
Gavit	won		



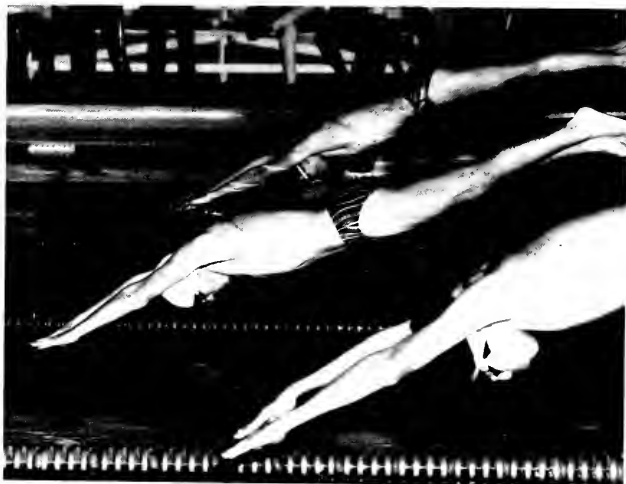
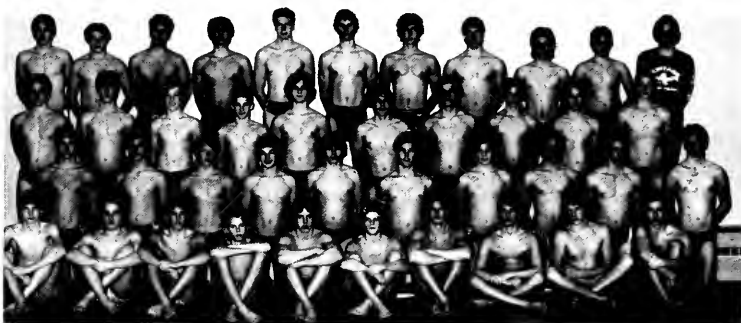
Freshman Noel Cullen swims the backstroke during a meet against Merrillville. Portage won, 102-70.



During a swimming practice to prepare for an upcoming meet, Coach Karen Girgenti positions a pole under junior Dwayne Williams to help his diving form.

**BOYS' SWIMMING** — **Front Row:** Pat Hurst, Pat Fogarty, Jamie Groves, Tim Syperek, Mark Fortner, Terry Thomas, Scott Matuga, Pat Shay, Sean McMullen, Dave Penix. **Row 2:** Chris Smith, Noel Cullen, Mike Dickey, Torbin Sorenson, Rob Parks, Terry Millikan, David Pieroni, Jim Lovell, Jerry Strong, Mike Osterkamp. **Row 3:** Keith

Holley, Marc Cleveland, Skip Woldt, Dwayne Williams, Craig Miller, Mike Rosendaul, Ed Sullivan, Mike Gray, Scott Head, Brant Prigge. **Back Row:** Darren Godby, Greg Coules, Jim Timberman, Tom Quitasol, Jeff Olson, Andy Smith, Lewis Stahl, Tim Kieler, Cary Lee, Ray Smith, Eric Hull.



Senior Jim Lovell and his opponents dive off a starting block to begin a freestyle swim. Jim finished 12th in the 200 meter freestyle in swimming sectionals at LaPorte.

Junior Terry Millikan attempts a backward dive in a meet against Merrillville.



# Seniorless gymnasts pull through season

by Denise Kalina

**S**eniors usually benefit any team during the season with their experience and attitude in helping and supporting the younger teammates. The gymnastics squad was seniorless but was still considered tough competition by other schools.

"Without any seniors on the team, it will give this year's team more potential toward next year," said junior Alesia Roark.

Despite the fact that there were no seniors on the team, both the optional and intermediate levels were consistent. The intermediate team started off its season 4-1, losing to Elston in the first meet, but finished the season even 6-6. On the other hand, the optional team was 5-0 after the first five meets but ended its season with a 7-4 record.

Only two optional team members from last year's squad, sophomores Felice Shineman and Chris Konarski, returned. The two returnees were counted on by Coach Caren Cowles as front runners in the beginning of the season, while she hoped the other members would gain experience from them and the season.

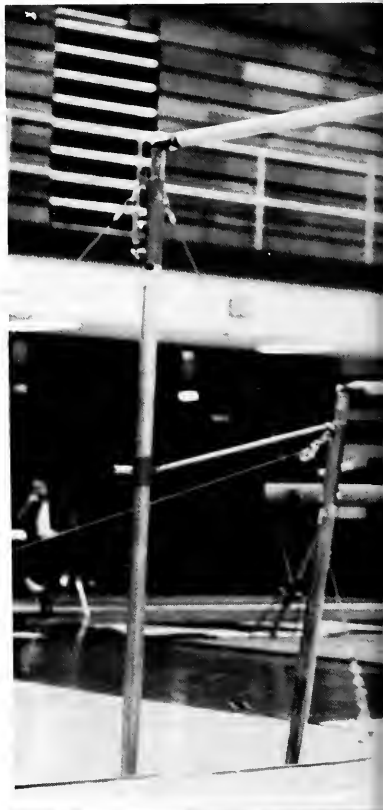
"Felice and Chris are the only two right now who have the consistency to place every time," commented Cowles. "Those two were definitely looked on as team leaders."

The Portage gymnastic squads finished their seasons ranked 16th in the state. The team enjoyed what may have been their best season ever as they were ranked throughout most of the season, and they made strong showings against ranked teams in the conference such as Valpo and Chesterton. Being ranked was a plus for the squad, according to Cowles, who was honored to be ranked at all. "It's nice to be acknowledged by coaches in the area," she noted.

## GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

7-4/6-6

Optional/ Intermediate			
Elston	won/lost	Merrillville	lost/lost
LaPorte	won/won	Lowell	won/won
Hobart	won/won	Valparaiso	lost/lost
Munster	won/won	Chesterton	lost/lost
Rogers	won/won	Highland	lost/lost
Crown		Conference	4th
Point	won/lost	Sectionals	3rd



Team captain Chris Konarski, sophomore, performs her balance beam routine in a meet against Rogers. Chris competed on the varsity optional team throughout most of the season.



As one of the young members on the gymnastics team, Denise Czechanski, freshman, practiced her routines before many competitions.

# Gymnastics



Competing on the uneven bars against Crown Point is sophomore Felice Shinneman.

Coach Caren Cowles kept a careful watch on junior Laurie Kuddle and many of the other team members while they did their routines on the balance beam.



**GIRLS' GYMNASTICS** — **Front Row:** manager Todd Fortini, Amy Swerdon, Felice Shinneman, Dani Kolczak. **Row 2:** Denise Czechanski, Patrice Treadway, Tina Foreman, Kym Pritchard, Chris Konarski, Linda Medina. **Row 3:** Coach Caren Cowles, Laurie Kuddle, Alesia Roark, Cindy Roque, Deanna McClarnon, Sandi Grasham.

Junior Sandi Grasham practices her floor routine for an upcoming meet against Crown Point.

**Rounding the bases** after a home run and receiving a congratulatory handshake from Head Coach Tom Levandoski is senior Rob Wishnevski. Rob was also regarded as one of the top pitchers in the area.

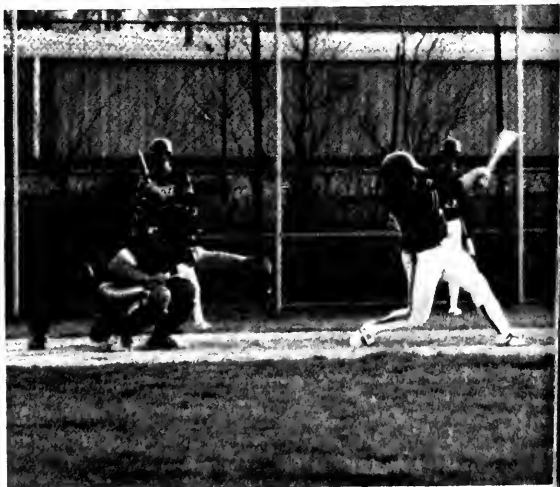
**Sophomore Jeff Sitar** dives into home plate belly-down to score a run for the JV team. Jeff played second base for Coach Tom Taylor's JV squad.



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**Delivering the pitch** to the plate is junior Greg Morabee. Greg was the only southpaw pitcher on the Indians' roster.

**Junior Bubba Barney** connects with a base hit in a game against conference for Merrillville. Bubba anchored one of the three outfield positions for the Tribe this season.



## Team's goals fall short

by Denny Darrow

With a 1984 season ending record of 23-10 and a sectional championship, team members and ardent followers of PHS baseball anxiously awaited the opening of the 1985 campaign.

Coach Tom Levandoski had nine returning lettermen from last year's highly successful squad, seven of them seniors. Coach Levandoski said the team goal, which is the same as every year, is to win 30 games, win the Duneland Conference and win the state championship.

Senior Dan Stanley said the team had as good a shot as any other team to win state.

As the Indians entered their first game of the season at East Chicago Washington, they looked to come out strong and play a solid game. As the final out of the game was made, the Indians lost, 6-5. After the opening loss, the team came back to win its next two games, including an upset over number one ranked LaPorte. "Everybody played well. We kept (LaPorte) from getting into scoring position with some good plays," commented senior Rob Wishnevski.

After the LaPorte game, the team started to develop some "loose ends."

The pitching became inconsistent and the team made some costly errors. Realizing that the team was struggling, Dan said that the team must get its priorities straight to have a 20-win season. "Concentration will be the key for us."

As the varsity Indians ended their regular season with a double header win over E.C. Roosevelt, they had high hopes of repeating as sectional champs. In the first game, the Indians played about as tough as a team can, as Rob tossed a no hitter to give the Indians a victory. He struck out 13 batters and raised his season record to 6-1.

In the semi-final game against Hobart, the Indians had their dreams shattered as Hobart won in the last inning, 2-1. The team ended the season at 17-13.

**Note:** We regret that we were unable to obtain a picture of the freshman baseball team. Coach Craig Buzea and the team had a season of 18-3.

### VARSITY BASEBALL

18-14

E.C. Washington	lost	Lowell	lost
Hammond High	lost	M.C. Rogers	won
LaPorte	won	Chesterton	lost
Merrillville	won	Valparaiso	won
Munster	lost	Bishop Noll	lost
Hobart	lost	Bishop Noll	lost
Wirt	won	Roosevelt	won
M.C. Rogers	won	Crown Point	lost
Chesterton	lost	E.C. Roosevelt	won
Crown Point	won	E.C. Roosevelt	won
Crown Point	lost	Elkhart	lost
Kankakee	won	Central	lost
Valley	won	Wheeler	won
Valparaiso	won	Sectionals:	
LaPorte	lost	Wirt	won
Horace Mann	won	Hobart	lost
Merrillville	won	JV record: 13-9	
Lake Station	lost	Freshman record:	
Hobart	won	18-3	

Crossing the plate to score a run for the varsity Indians is junior Greg Lasky. Greg carried a .230 batting average this season.

A Freshman Indian team member tags home plate for a run. The freshman team, led by first year Coach Craig Buzea, compiled a record of 18-3.



**VARSITY BASEBALL** — Front Row: Mgr. Guy Maudlin, Mgr. Jeannie Wilson. Row 2: Robert Wishnevski, Greg Grochowski, Scott Bowen, Darren Payne, Jeff Kincaid, Joe Morales, Bryon Lambert, Greg Lasky, Dan Stanley. Back

Row: Bubba Barney, Tim Bulva, Nick Vlasic, Dave Milligan, Ward Mocaby, Greg Mocabee, Bill Parish, Matt Lakomek, Coach Tom Levandoski.



**JV Baseball** — Front Row: Jeff Sitar, Jeff Boling, Perry Shultz, Joel Serbin, Mike Griffith. Row 2: Terry Evans, Mike Lyons, Eddie Aleman, Mike Demko, Mitch Lyons. Back Row: Ken Kukler, Dave Czilli, John Clemons, Jesse Geary, John Panepinto, Jeff Haines, Coach Tom Taylor.

# Girls pull through a disappointing season

by Denise Kalina

**T**he softball team had many good sports, but bad luck overpowered the good things throughout the entire season.

The girls started off the season winning the first game against LaPorte. After the first half, the team was 4-6. Most of the games that were lost were missed only by a few runs. The 13th game started a losing streak of seven games in a row. The team won the last game against Valparaiso, its first opponent in the sectional match the following weekend. The team ended the season 7-13 with a second at sectionals.

Coach Connie Cole had high hopes at the beginning of the season that the team would do very well. "I was disappointed about in the middle (of the season), but at the end, they tried hard to bring themselves back."

The attitude helped pull the members through. Junior Kim Utley said, "For the most part, we had a lot of confidence in the team. We tried to help each other in our weak points."

Sophomore Shelly Heckman had a different idea in mind. "(The attitude) was all

right. I think we all could have been more rowdy and aggressive."

Two cuts had to be made in order to pick the team. Twenty-two girls were selected at the beginning until two girls quit to bring the number down to 20. Many of the girls felt that there were too many on the team for everyone to have an equal chance at playing. "There were way too many people on the team. Most of the time, the same people started so the so called 'bench warmers' wouldn't practice very hard since they knew that they were not going to play," added junior Debbie Simola.

## SOFTBALL

8-12

LaPorte	won	LaPorte	won
Whiting	lost	Morton	lost
Merrillville	lost	Merrillville	lost
Hobart	lost	Hobart	lost
Rogers	won	Rogers	lost
Elston	won	Highland	won
Chesterton	lost	Chesterton	lost
Munster	lost	Crown Point	lost
E.C. Roosevelt	won	Valparaiso	won
Valparaiso	lost	Sectionals 2nd	
Marquette	won		



Coach Connie Cole signals to a base runner to hold up at second. Signals were a major part of the strategy in softball.

Senior Desiree Wright charges the ball in a catch attempt. She was one of only three seniors on the team.



**Batting in a game**, junior Kim Utley contributed to the defeat of Rogers.

**SOFTBALL** — **Front Row:** Lisa Capps, Kerry Hickman, Karen Scott, Pam Wilder, Teresa Springman, Tina Foreman, Cindy Creech. **Row 2:** Shelly Heckman, Desree Wright, Kellie Via, Cathy Vespo, Clara Blakely, Terri Vittetoe, Becky Alderson, manager Beth Simola. **Row 3:** Coach Connie Cole, Debbie Simola, Kim Utley, Denise Kalina, Linda Leeper, Tina Blevins, Vicky Dickerson, scorekeeper Dawn Kalina.



**Sophomore Cindy Creech** helps pitch her team to a triumph. Cindy returned as a letterman.

**Alternating playing first base** during a game, with senior Becky Alderson, senior Linda Leeper stops a ground ball hit by a Rogers opponent.



**Cary McKay** tries to steer the ball away from his Andean opponent. A close game throughout, Portage lost 2-1 in overtime.

**Senior John Mario** prepares to throw the ball back in play for the Indians. John started all four years for the tribe and was a four-year letter winner.

**Team member Mike Jones** centers the ball towards midfield in hopes of letting a teammate get another goal for the high-scoring team.

**Two Portage team members** blast a shot past their opponent's goal tender to put a tally on the board for the Indians.



**VARSITY SOCCER** — Front Row: Rich Jennings, John Mario, Row 2: Phil Lane, Mike Jones, Jeff Beattie, Torbin Sorenson, Jeff Markle, Jason Cruz, Randy Marshall, Adam Condo, Row 3: Keith McCulloch, Kevin Kramer, Mark Price, Sean McMullen, Bob Laramie, Stacy O'Dell, Andy Vukic, Back Row: Don Decker, David Spear, John Plunkett, Cary McKay, Jon English, Ron Sandberg, Kyle Bagley, Coach Jim Green.





**Centering the ball** with a corner kick is Mike Jones. Mike was awarded the corner kick after the Indian's opponents knocked the ball out of bounds on their side of the field.

**Cutting back** against his Andrean opponent is senior Rich Jennings. Rich plus John Mario, Sean McMullen and John Plunkett were the only seniors on this year's squad.



## Sorry; all good things must come to an end

by Denny Darrow

All of us at some time in our lives have probably experienced that old adage, "All good things must come to an end." Right? The long ride home after the family vacation, the last bite of Grandma's apple pie, and, yes, even a loss during the regular season for the PHS soccer team.

With their record of six undefeated regular seasons in a row firmly intact, the team squashed its season opening opponents, Hammond High, 10-1. Everything was shaping up for another undefeated season for the Tribe.

"We played a good game," commented junior Phil Lane. "It was a real emotional game." Phil was commenting on the team's third game of the season, a heart-

breaking 2-1 loss to Andrean. The lone Portage goal was scored by Jeff Markle in the second half.

The team rebounded the next game and defeated Chesterton, 5-1. After suffering a second setback at the hands of a powerful Munster team, the Indians stormed back to win their last six games of the season. During this streak, the team outscored their opponents by a margin of 42 to 5. The Indians ended their season with a record of 9-2 and a tie for second in their conference.

For the first time, a junior led the squad in scoring. Jeff Markle scored at least one goal in all but two games and set a new team record by scoring six goals in one game. The Indians won that game by an 8-2 margin over Wirt.



### SOCCER

9-2

Hammond		Wirt	won
High	won	Valparaiso	won
Lake		Wallace	won
Central	won	Griffith	won
Andrean	lost	Highland	won
Chesterton	won	Merrillville	won
Munster	lost		

# Track records shattered; state ends season

by Duane Keleman

**A**fter having a 9-3 overall record, second place in the Duneland Area Conference (a 5-1 record), the boys' track and field team qualified 11 team members for the Gary regionals in the sectionals. That is more than ever before in the school's history.

The team, which had 43 members, had a general attitude of working as hard as they could to become the best they could be, and trying to be consistent, in practice and meets, according to head coach, Mr. Bill Wilke.

The trackmen also set three goals for the season. First, to improve their conference standing (last year they placed fourth in conference, this year, second). Next, to qualify as many people for sectionals, regionals, and state as they could (11 qualified for sectionals, five for regionals, and one for state). Finally, set as many personal records as they could. Three school records were broken: junior Tony Kwiatkowski in the 800m, senior Eric Colley in the 1600, and junior Mick Koslow in the 3200. Mick shattered the old mark of

9:27, set by Greg Ross in 1980, with a 9:23.

Coach Wilke has been the boys' track coach since 1976. He became track coach, he said, because, "it's my field of expertise; That's what I do best." He was named state coach of the year for the second year in a row.

Coach Wilke commented on the season, "The distance runners and field event men were our most consistent point scorers for the team. The sprinters lacked experience, but we expect improvements from both the sprinters and hurdlers in 1986."

Sophomore Dave Smith and senior John Lowery progressed into the state finals. Dave placed fourth in the discus and sixth in the shotput. John finished ninth in the 1600m. Coach Wilke commented, "Out of the top seven qualifiers, Dave was the only underclassman in the group. Next year he should be number one in the state."

He also said that Dave did whatever was necessary to improve himself. "He wasn't happy with his placement this year, so next year at state, he'll be hungry for it."

Freshman Jay Dyer sprints to lengthen the distance of his long jump. Concentration was a major concern with long jumpers.

Even with a pulled muscle, junior Rick Kalina clears 6'2" on the high bar.

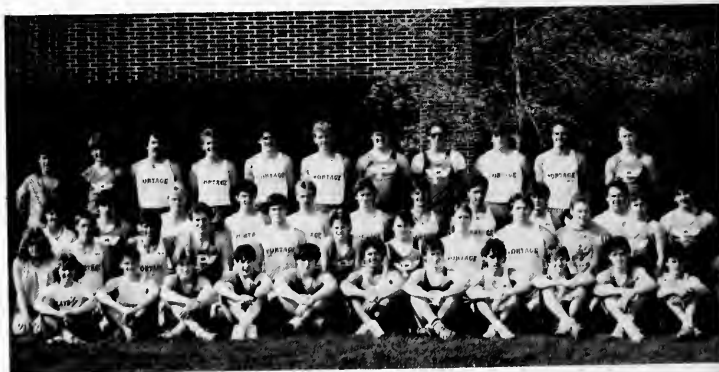


**BOYS' TRACK — Front Row:** Mgr. Deanna McClarnon, Charles Whelan, Rich McGuire, Bob Romanov, Rich Bakewell, Tony Cheky, Jay Dyer, Jon Barnes, Scott Hutford, Andy Middleton, Mike Baker. **Row 2:** Mgr. Stacie Kosak, John Lowery, Eric Colley, Ed Kenworthy, Marc Terry, Scott Head, Derick Thielbar, Pete Stahura, Jeff McWaters, Dan Johnson, Scott Retherford. **Row 3:** Mgr. Shannon Paulson, Jerry Hays, Bill Smith, Mick Koslow, Jerry Fogarty, Pat McDonald, Dean Szabo, Tony Kwiatkowski, Mike Shields, Greg Crizer, Ike Prieto. **Back Row:** Mike Luwpas, Robby Jacobson, Denny Webber, Jeff Brody, Rick Kalina, Andy Smith, Bill White, Ray Shears, Dave Smith, Mike Miller, Jim Sherrill.

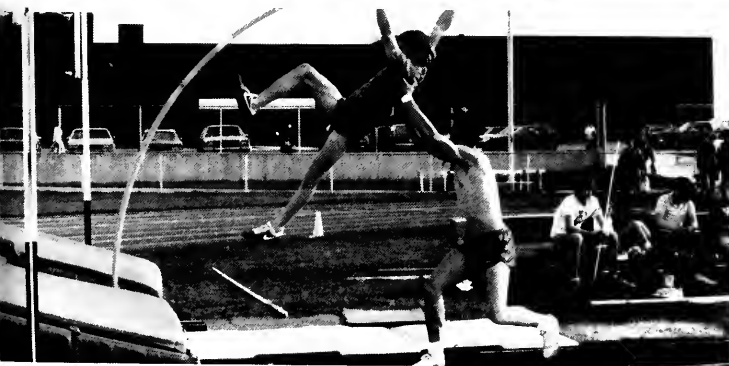
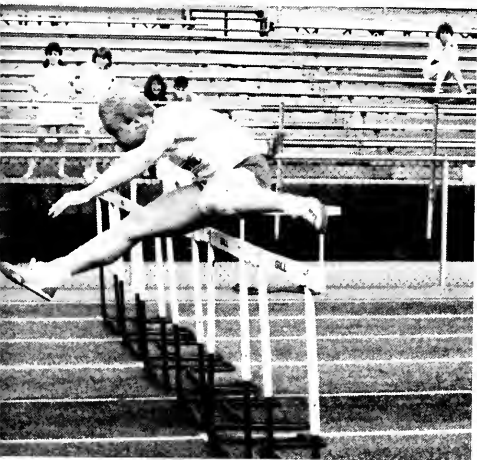
## BOYS' TRACK AND FIELD

9-3

Bishop Noll/ Highland	won/ won	LaPorte MC Rogers	won won
Calumet	lost	Hobart	won
Calumet Griffith/ Valpo/ Lake Station	won/ lost/won	Merrillville Chesterton	won won
Valparaiso	lost	Chesterton Relays Champions	
		Duneland Conference	2nd
		Sectionals	2nd



Junior Mike Osterkamp helps junior Pete Stahura vault at a practice before the meet with Merrillville.



**Gaining momentum**, junior Jerry Hayes prepares to release the discus at a home meet.

**Greg Crizer, sophomore**, heaves a shot in a meet against Chesterton. The Indians won the meet, 71-56.

**Sailing over the high hurdles**, junior Bill Smith captures first place at a home meet with Duneland Conference Rival Chesterton.

# Track team overflows with young members

by Denise Kalina

**Y**outh overflowed the 1984-85 girls' track team and it poured over the upperclassmen.

The team included only one senior, Kristin Kurtz. The remainder of the team was made up of seven juniors, five sophomores, and an unusually high number of freshmen, 13. Coach Ruth Aydelotte, who has helped coach the team for three years, said, "This was the most freshmen we've had in one year."

The effect of freshmen was described in many ways by team members. Freshman Cami Gagna said, "It was hard when we first started, and a lot got discouraged, but now that we had a lot of training, we did pretty well."

Junior Maria Middleton commented, "We were better this year than last year because of the freshmen. They were really

good runners."

"The freshmen were really talented, and they pushed us more," commented sophomore Kim Mikula.

Because of the number of freshmen and sophomores on the team, there is great hope for the future. Maria said, "Next year or in two more years we should have a really good team."

Junior Sharon Bronson had similar feelings toward the upcoming years, "Next year will be a very good year because more freshmen will be coming up that are really talented."

The team finished the season 2-7. Aydelotte said, "We had a great season. The times we made this year were better than in the past, but our record doesn't show it."



## GIRLS' TRACK

2-7

Calumet/Noll	lost	Merrillville	lost
Valparaiso	lost	Lake Station	won
LaPorte	lost	Chesterton	lost
Rogers	won	Conference	6th
Lowell	lost	Sectionals	19th
Hobart	lost		



Junior Vicky Smith uses all of her efforts to help her obtain a great amount of length in a long jump attempt.

Junior Lisa Romanov passes the baton to teammate Kerry Springman, freshman, in a relay race against Hobart.

**GIRLS' TRACK** — Front Row: Kerry Springman, Maria Middleton, Debbie Williams, Kim Mikula, Elena Iatarola, Kristy Nabhan, Susan Sturges, Sharon Bronson, Coach Ruth Aydelotte. Row 2: Coach Linda Radivan, Carrie Biggs, Michelle Golden, Kim Robbins, Sara Solomon, Annette Jennings, Missy McGurren, Lori Kleim, Jo Lynn Arvin, Lisa Romanov, Debbie Condo, Cami Gagna, Coach Dale Fadelly.





One of the main high jumpers for Portage, junior Debbie Condo practices before a meet against Rogers.

Freshman Kerry Springman placed first in a meet to help Portage defeat Rogers 82-23.

Sophomore Kim Mikula participated in the field events throughout most of the season.

# Girls' tennis on its way to the top

by Bob Jones

With a record of 12-3, was the girls' tennis team at its best so far? The statistics backed this up.

For the first time in girls' tennis history, the team defeated LaPorte. Coach Kathy Houpt's first reactions were, "It was probably the most exciting moment in the last five years. They are probably the number one team in this area—and have been for many years. It's nice to say that Portage is now on their level." Sophomore Melinda Dy said, "Beating (LaPorte) gave us a lot of satisfaction and pride and encouraged us to work even harder." Junior Kim Rains commented, "We felt that we had accomplished something. We had more confi-

dence in ourselves as a team."

Some of last year's hottest players were Val Ingram and Kelly Maples. Val, along with Kim Rains, Kris Levenda and Melinda Dy, helped Portage to the victory over LaPorte. Gigi Krusa and Val Ingram won their Lake Central matches also. Val also helped defeat unbeaten Valparaiso, 3-2. Senior Kelly Maples won 6-0, 6-0 over Valpo player Kristen Reschke, #5 ranked girl in Northwest Indiana, causing Portage to obtain another victory.

When asked about the future of the team, Kim replied, "I feel we will have a stronger and more experienced team for next year." Melinda added that the team had something to look forward to.



**GIRLS' TENNIS** — Front Row: Michelle Ramirez, Jasmina Kincheloe, Kelly Maples, Laura Haines, Danielle Brown, Mgr. Debbie Parker. Row 2: Kathy Kilmurry, Kristen Levenda, Kathy Flach, Sandy Fisher, Christine Reese, Melinda Dy. Back Row: Coach Cheryl Kovalow, Kim Rains, Val Ingram, Gigi Krusa, Feli Twickel, Kim Gajdik, Coach Kathy Houpt.

## GIRLS' TENNIS

12-3

Munster	lost	Rogers	won
Andraean	won	LaPorte	won
Marquette	won	Lake Station	won
Lowell	won	Valparaiso	won
Morton	won	Chesterton	won
Crown Point	won	Griffith	won
Gavit	won	Hobart	lost
Merrillville	lost	Sectionals	2nd

## JUNIOR VARSITY

9-3-2





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During the meet against Gavit, Gigi Krusa, junior, makes contact with the ball. The JV team did not play because of the absence of a Hammond Gavit team. The varsity team annihilated Gavit, 5-0.

Freshman Kathy Flach practices serving for her second doubles match against Morton. The JV team defeated the Hammond team.

Senior Feli Twickel, German exchange student, returns the serve from her Andreadan opponent. Feli participated both on the JV and the varsity teams.



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Following through on her serve is junior Kim Rains in a match against LaPorte. Portage defeated LaPorte for the first time in the history of girls' tennis.



During a practice at Robbinhurst Golf Club, senior Denny Darrow anxiously waits to remove the flag until senior Doug Snider putts. The team had practices at Robbinhurst five times a week and held their tournaments there also.

Louie Zimmerman, junior, follows through his tee-off on hole one at one of the practices after school.



Junior Mike Jarabek comes close to the water hazard but far enough away to escape. Mike led in the tournament against Grifith with a score of 40. Portage won, 165-166.



# Golf season has its ups and downs

by Bob Jones

The boys' golf team was better than the previous year's, but still looked forward to improvements in the future. "They finished about the way I expected them to," said Coach Mike Lemond. Their record, 15-9, included many good games and unfortunately a few bad ones.

Brian Jarabek, Denny Darrow and Doug Snider led the Portage team in most of the games. During the Lowell/Hanover Central meet, Portage was led by Brian Jarabek with 4 over par 38, Denny Darrow with 39 and Jeff Smenyak with 40. Portage defeated Lowell/Hanover Central, 158-185-189.

In a very close match, Portage defeated Highland, 172-176; the team was led by Doug Snider with a 43. Even though Brian

Jarabek led with a 1 over par 37, Portage lost to Valparaiso, 149-159.

Portage finished 9th out of 15 teams at the LaVille Invitational shooting a 341. Portage was led by Brian Jarabek who had a 9 over par 81. During the Lake Hills Invitational, the team placed 4th out of 18.

When asked about next year's team, Dave Lane, sophomore, said, "The team looks good. We have three strong juniors and a really good freshman." Coach Lemond commented, "We will have a fairly young team, so how well we do will depend upon how much work will be put in in the summer and the fall." Junior Mark Scobey believed that next year's team will be better. "I think next year's team has a good chance to make it if they practice diligently over the summer."



During one of the many practices at Robbinhurst, junior Eric Hiller works on his putting for their tournament against Hobart.

While the weather is warm, Mark Scobey, junior, practices driving the golf ball down the fairway.

Junior Varsity  
21-3



**BOYS' GOLF** — Front Row: Dave Miller, Mike Cox, Don Forrest, Jeff Bliss, Dave Lane, Jeff Smenyak, Tom Upton, Les Smock, Tom Horvath. Back Row: Doug Snider, Eric Hiller, Seth Irvin, Mark Scobey, Mike Jarabek, Louie Zimmerman, Denny Darrow, Brian Jarabek, Coach Mike Lemond.

## BOYS' GOLF

15-9

Boone Grove	won	Hobart/	
Elston	lost	Valparaiso	won/lost
Marquette	lost		
LaPorte/		Valparaiso/	lost/won
Rogers	lost/won	Merrillville	
Andean	lost		
Griffith	won	Crown Point/	lost/won
Merrillville/		Lake Central	
LaPorte	won/lost		
Chesterton/		Morton	won/lost
Hobart	won/won	Morton/	won
Lowell/		Highland	won/lost
Hanover			
Central	won/won	LaVille Inv.	9th
Rogers/		LaPorte Inv.	15th
Chesterton	lost/won	Lake Hills Inv.	4th
		Sectionals	7th

All different types of people made up the student body at PHS. The many varieties helped make our school an interesting place to be.



Potter



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Pete Stahura stretches out before his last cross country meet of his junior year. Many PHS students went down to Indianapolis' South Grove Country Club to cheer on the Indians to a first place finish.

The students were an outside link to many who found Junior Stephanie Ball went the opposite after school. Like many other Marching Indians, Stephanie needed to call home to get a ride.

Stephanie Ball's friend, Brenda, took a rest during the intense marching band practice. The Marching Indians practiced two to three times a week after school.



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We are ...

## The people who make up PHS

by Amie Fielder

**T**ogether we make up the population of PHS. There are the citizens (students), police (hall monitors), government (administration), and the bosses (you got it, the teachers!)

Some students tried to rebel, but most were happy with their place in the daily workings of our little world. Junior Shelly Chatwell said, "Everyone has a place; you only have to find it." Though finding "it" was sometimes hard, senior Scott Dwyer said, "We have enough people in this school and enough things to do; everyone should find something to identify with."

Outside, our little world loomed the omnipresent "Portage" or even "Porter

County." Into the community PHS students were flung every afternoon at 3:30, whether the world at large was ready or not. Many students worked in or around Portage. Junior Karen Moore said, "Working may not be fun, but shopping is." We sprung on our little world, determined to PARTY!

The most popular places to gather, according to a phonics Kelly Fisher, were parties at friends' houses, "especially when parents weren't home."

Little by little we made our way into the big bad world and found our niche.

But for most, a little bit of PHS will always go with us.

During a rainy IV football game against Valley, junior Billy Seibel, Mark Kaiser and Mark Kuehn met Jarrett Rood Seibel and a friend. The cheering crowd did not have the Indians though, as they lost to Valley.

# Seniors

**Nancy L. Adams.**  
**Laura Aitken:** *SADD.*  
**Elaine D. Akinczyk: *Intramurals 4; Ski Club 4; Teacher Asst. 2,3.*  
**Becky Alderson: *Cheerleader 2; FEA 3,4; Intramurals 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3; Pom Pons 3; Basketball 2,3,4; Softball 2,3,4.*  
**Donna Lynn Alford: *Swim Timer 2,3.*******

**Pamela L. Allande: *Swim Timer 2; Choraliers 3,4; Concert Band 2; Jazz Band 2,3,4; Marching Indians 2; Pep Band 2,3; Pit Orchestra 2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Solo and Ensemble 2,3,4.*  
**Kathy Alsbrooks: *Teacher Asst. 2,3.*  
**Laura Andrews.**  
**Steven Michael Andrysiak: *Teacher Asst. 4; Baseball 2; Football 2.*  
**Jill E. Armstrong.********

**Christine J. Arvay.**  
**Julie L. Austin.**  
**Natalie L. Austin.**  
**Edward Allen Baker.**  
**Peggy Sue Bartholdi: *Teacher Asst. 4; Pep Club 2; Saga 3.***

**Brenda Bassett: *Tennis 2; Class Sec'y. 2,3; Student Council Sec'y. 4; Prom Court 3.*  
**Susan A. Beattie: *Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; German Club 2; Pep Club 4; Wrestling Statistician 2.*  
**Melody Beauchamp: *Girls' Ensemble 4; Mixed Chorus 3,4.*  
**Michael Scott Beaudry.**  
**Kelly Beck.********

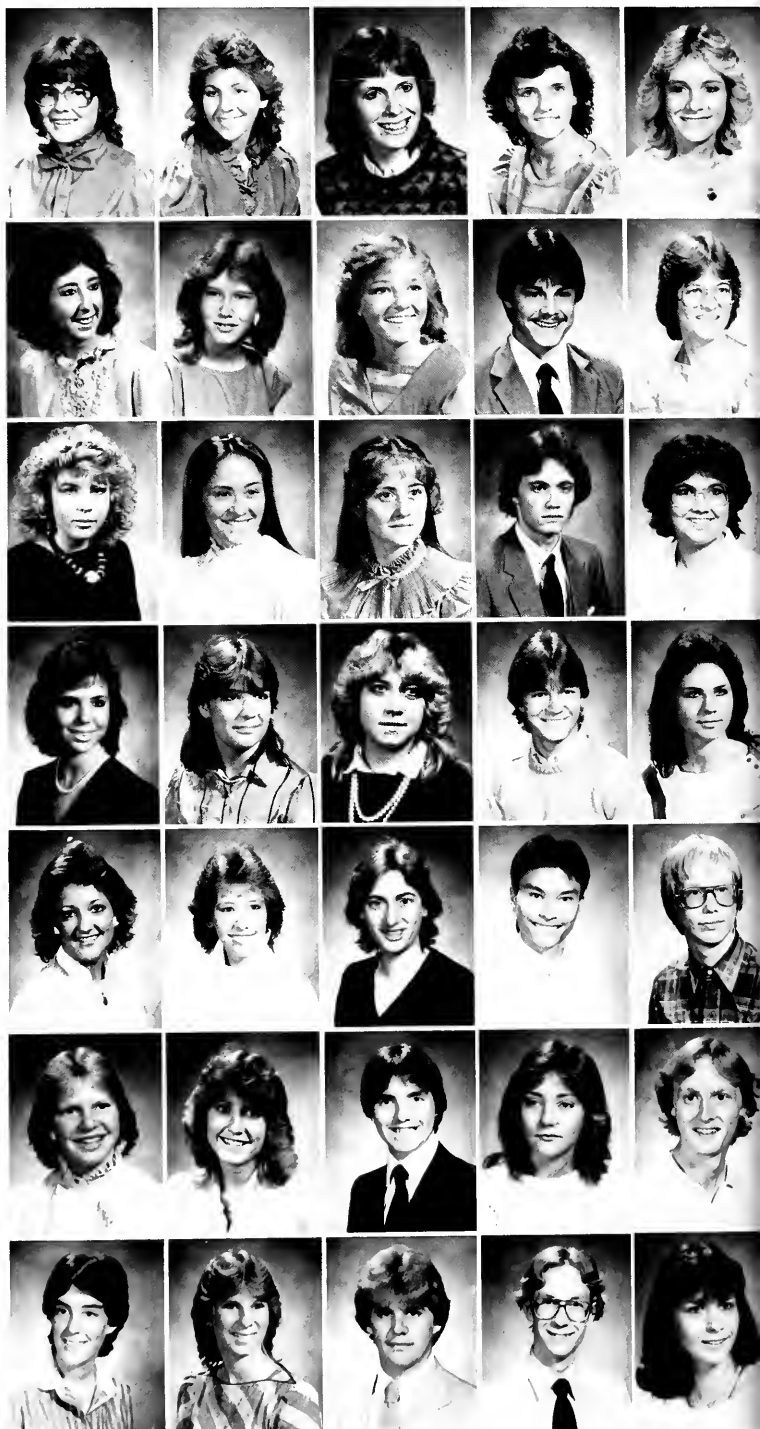
**Janet L. Belcher: *Symphonic 2,3,4; Pom Pons 4.*  
**Dawn Marie Bell: *Teacher Asst. 4; Pep Club 4; Mixed Choir 2; Symphonic Choir 3; Pom Pons 4.*****

**Janet M. Bendt.**  
**Luis Lumalang Bengero: *Teacher Asst. 4; Boys' State 3; Intramurals 2,3,4; Lifters 4; Concert Band 2; Symphonic Band 3; Pep Band 2,3; Tennis 2,3; Track 2; Class Rep. 2; Student Council Honorary Member 2; Class Pres. 4.***

**Duane G. Berg.**  
**Lisa A. Beshears: *Teacher Asst. 4; FCA 4; Intramurals 2,4; NHS 3,4; Volleyball 2,3,4.*  
**Sarah Ann Bettis: *Teacher Asst. 4; FCA 4; Volleyball 2,3,4.*****

**Jeffrey Lynn Bleivins: *FCA 4; Choraliers 4; Mixed Choir 3; Symphonic Choir 4; Track Mgr. 3; Track 3,4.*  
**Tammy J. Bleivins.**  
**David B. Blystone: *Symphonic Band 2,3.*****

**Michele Lyn Bollinger: *Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; FCA 3,4; Intramurals 3,4; Marching Indians 2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Basketball 2,4; Cross Country 3,4.*  
**Lorna K. Borden.**  
**Terry A. Bothwell: *Intramurals 4; Baseball 2.*  
**David A. Boyden.**  
**Jennifer Lynn Brickley.******



## Lovin', touchin', squeezin'

Slowly, the two young lovers kissed and said goodbye ... Does this sound like a passage from the latest romance novel? Actually, it was a common occurrence in the PHS hallways.

Public Displays of Affection (PDA) were not always so innocent. That bothered some students. Senior Charlotte Irvine said, "I see nothing wrong with a small kiss, but I am offended when they are hanging all over each other."

Mrs. Mary Ella Barber, English teacher, said she tried to discourage such behavior. However, "sometimes because I need to be elsewhere and can't spare the time to 'follow through', I may walk by 'not seeing' the offenders."

School administrators said the problem wasn't a major one. Mr. Richard Kirchner, assistant principal, reported that after he

said something to the offenders they would say "o.k." and stop. In other cases when students could not refrain from their actions, punishments included Saturday classes and/or three to five day suspensions.

Mr. James Douglas, social studies teacher, said that students should touch, but in a non-sexual manner. Other displays indicate both an immature and limited command of communication techniques, he remarked.

One student was all for public display of affection. Senior Allen Gipson commented, "A harmless kiss can't hurt anyone. We, as students, can't go through life without expressing 'affection'. I don't want to be punished for showing emotion. Affection is natural, just like the competition of sports."



**Pollock**

**Sophomores** Jeff Haines and Anna Neill hold hands during 8th hour lunch. Hand holding was an "unoffensive" display of affection of which school administrators approved.



**Charles R. M. Bridges:** Teacher Asst. 4; German Club 4; Intramurals 4; JROTC Color Guard 2,3,4; Drill Team 2,3,4; Physical Fitness Team 3,4; Rifle Team 3,4.

**Christina Brockway.**

**Jeffery G. Brown.**

**Michelle C. Brown:** Concert Band 2; Jazz Band 3; Marching Indians 2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 3; Pep Band 2,3,4; Rifle Corps 2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Symphonic Choir 4.

**Scott R. Bruce.**

**Tony Bryan:** Intramurals 4.

**Bonnie K. Buhring.**

**Dawn Bullock.**

**Timothy J. Bulva.**

**Jennifer Ann Burnbales:** Intramurals 3,4; Junior Miss 4; NHS 3,4; Speech and Debate 3,4; Swim Timer 2; Swimming 2,3,4 (MVP).

**Raymond Walter Burnbales:** Football 3.

**T. Mike Burch:** Teacher Asst. 2; Intramurals 3; Prom Court 3; Baseball 3,4; Basketball 2; Class Treas. 2; Student Council Rep. 3.

**Shelley Jean Burney:** Teacher Asst. 3; Pep Club 2; Flag Corps 3,4; Marching Indians 3,4.

**Corey Walter Burnham.**

**Kelly H. Burnham.**

**Shaun Stephen Busick:** Teacher Asst. 3,4; Intramurals 2,3,4; Latin Club 3,4; Pow Wow 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Lifters 4; Concert Band 2; Marching Indians 2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4.

**Sherry Lee Camp:** Pep Club 4; Girls' Ensemble 3; Mixed Choir 2; Symphonic Choir 4; Track 2.

**Delaney E. Campbell:** Football 2,3,4; Wrestling 2,3,4.

**Shawn C. Carmin:** FEA 4; Speech and Debate 3,4; Concert Band 2; Basketball Mgr. 3.

**J. Nicholas Carter.**



# Seniors

## Foot fashions vary from boots to decks to pumps

by Mickey Dunning

Not one of us could survive a day without them, and we had them with us wherever we went. Our shoes were a common link, a fashion statement and a necessity.

A high school student was often classified by his shoe style. The red Converse-high tops were worn by the Breakers, while the Neonists who lived in electric colored clothing chose pumps ranging from glow-in-the-dark green to clock-stopping orange.

A senior counted 60 pairs of shoes in her closet. She said that she had many sandals to wear during the summer.

Some looked on shoes as a fashion accessory. "I like them because they're comfortable," said Keith Fifield, senior, about his decks.

Bill Alter, the manager of Fayva in the Portage Commons, said that generally women spend a lot on shoes while guys buy out of necessity. An average shoe ran from \$25 to \$30, but prices could go much higher or lower.



Sophomore Kelli Beattie, freshman Tina Baker and sophomore Pat Huey sport different shoe styles while they converse in the commons.

**Shirley A. Cathcart.**

**David L. Charnetzky.**

**Anthony Craig Cheky:** FCA 4; Intramurals 2,3,4; Baseball 2; Wrestling 2,3; Track 3,4; Football 4.

**Joel A. Cherry.**

**Deborah J. Chicos.**

**Stephen S. Cho:** Boys' State 3; French Club 3; Intramurals 4; Ski Club 4 (Sec'y); SADD 4.

**Michelle Marie Christman:** Office Asst. 2,3,4.

**Mark Alan Churilla:** Intramurals 4.

**Daniel A. Chustak:** Intramurals 4; Student Council Honorary Member 4; SADD 4 (Pres.).

**Alan B. Clark.**

**Michelle L. Clark.**

**Vanessa Renée Coakley:** Teacher Asst. 2,3; Intramurals 4; Pep Club 2,3; SADD 4.

**Eric G. Colley:** Teacher Asst. 4; Intramurals 2,4; Cross Country 2,3,4; Track 2,3,4.

**Carol Colvin.**

**Tina Marie Colvin:** IROTC Drill Team 3; Physical Fitness Team 3; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4.

**Sopa Compirayod.**

**Michael J. Condron:** Teacher Asst. 2,3,4.

**Debra Connors:** Teacher Asst. 4; Pep Club 2; SADD 4.

**Lara M. Copeland:** Teacher Asst. 4; French Club 2,3; French Honor Society 3,4;

Intramurals 4; Speech and Debate Club 2,3,4 (Vice-pres.); Junior Miss 3; NHS 3,4; SADD 4; Concert Band 2; Marching Band 2; Mixed Chorus 3; Symphonic Choir 4; Student Council Honorary Member 4.

**Darrin K. Coppinger.**





# Seniors



**Kevin Matthew Cosner:** Intramurals 3,4; Basketball 2.

**Brian P. Cotton:** Boys' State 3; French Club 2,3,4; French Honor Society 3,4; NHS 3,4; Ski Club 4; Swimming 2,3; Tennis 2,3,4.

**Brian Coudriet:** Teacher Asst. 4; Ski Club 2,3,4.

**Edward E. Cox:** JROTC Drill Team 2,3.

**Todd Crum.**

**Carlos Cruz:** Intramurals 2,3,4; Ski Club 3; Concert Band 2,3,4; Marching Indians 2,3; Pep Band 2,3.

**Heather Lynn Cunningham:** Media Asst. 3; Saga 3; Wrestling Stat. 4.

**Rhonda Lee Cunningham.**

**Daneta R. Czazasty:** Teacher Asst. 4; Intramurals 2,4; NHS 3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Pom Pons 2,3; Pit Orchestra 2; Symphonic Orchestra 2.

**Susan K. Czazasty.**

**Mandy S. Dahlstrom:** Teacher Asst. 2,3; Intramurals 2,3,4; Pep Club 2; Pom Pons 2; Ski Club 2,3,4.

**Jon Dennis Darrow:** Teacher Asst. 2,4; FCA 2; Intramurals 2,3,4; Legend 4; Publications Photographer 4; Golf 2,3,4.

**Rhonda G. Davidson.**

**Matt C. Davison:** Intramurals 3,4; Saga 4; Ski Club 4 (Vice-pres.).

**Claude E. Day.**

**Leo John Deistler III:** Teacher Asst. 3; Ski Club 2,3; Publications Photographer 3; Concert Band 2,3; Pep Band 2.

**Daniel J. Delich.**

**Mary Ann Demmond.**

**Stephanie Demmond.**

**Joni R. Demo.**

**Susie R. Demorotski:** FCA 4; Basketball 2,3,4; Tennis 2.

**Phil DePorter:** Intramurals 4.

**AnnaLiza K. Dilag:** French Club 2,3; Latin Club 3,4; Ski Club 2,4; Swim Timer 2; Student Council Vice-Pres. 4; SADD 4.

**Melanie R. Dobis:** Teacher Asst. 3,4.

**Scott C. Dravet:** Teacher Asst. 4; Intramurals 2,3,4; Basketball 2; Swimming 3.

**Roger Driver:** JROTC Color Guard 2,3,4; Drill Team 2,3,4; Physical Fitness Team 2,3,4.

**James Droppa:** Teacher Asst. 3,4; German Club 2,3,4; Intramurals 2,4; Saga 3,4; Basketball Mgr. 3,4; Football Mgr. 3,4.

**Nicolette Andrea Droza.**

**Christina M. Dujmovich:** Teacher Asst. 4; Cheerleader 2,4; Intramurals 4; Junior Miss 3; Pep Club 2,3,4; Pow Wow 3,4.

**Mickey Dunning:** Teacher Asst. 4; French Honor Society 3,4; Girls' State 3; Junior Miss 3; NHS 3,4; Pow Wow 4; Choraliers 2,3,4; Symphonic Choir 4; Solo & Ensemble 2,3.

**Marc Kenneth Dy:** Office Asst. 4; Boys' State 3; Creative Players 3; NHS 3,4 (Vice-Pres.); Quiz Bowl 4; Spanish Club 3,4; Ski Club 4; Intramurals 4; Jazz Band 2; Pit Orchestra 3; Symphonic Orchestra 3; Tennis 2,3; Student Council Rep. 2; Honorary Member 3; Class Treas. 4; Solo & Ensemble 2,3,4.

**Melvin G. Eldridge.**

**Brian L. Erickson.**

**LaNaya Joyce Estes:** String Ensemble 2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4.

**Glenn C. Evans.**

## Bus riding — an educational adventure

by Rachel Junkin

**E**very school morning weary students trudged down the streets to their bus stops. In the spring cheery hellos were heard, but in the winter silence enveloped the bus stop. Like robots, students stood in the road eagerly peering into the gloom for a glimpse of the blinking white light and the large bulky yellow shape that meant the bus had arrived. Occasionally the quiet was broken by a, "when's the stupid bus gonna get here?" or, "Maybe it's not coming and we can go home." Students were known to have stood hatless with four

inches of snow on their head, shoulders and books just staring down the street.

Of course, when someone else was running late the free entertainment was worth the wait. Sitting in a nice, warm bus, students had a clear view of any poor soul whose alarm clock had failed to go off. Seeing the bus pulling away he broke into a run only to slip on a patch of ice. Thirty pages of term paper scattered on the snow. If it was a girl she was sure to be wearing a dress which almost always flew over her head. Meanwhile, the unsympathetic passengers in the bus rolled in the aisle.

Besides these occasions the ride to

school was usually fairly tranquil. The ride home from school was a different manner. Unless he were looking for adventure, a person would not dare to sit in the dark recess of the back of the bus. Objects, sometimes human, were sometimes spotted flying out the windows and the decible level of the students was just bearable. However, there was one advantage to sitting in the rear of the bus. It could help one on the SAT by expanding his vocabulary. He learned many new words, some being one-syllabled and containing four letters.

**Theresa Faidherbe.**

**Patricia Fekete.**

**Benjamin Ferguson.**

**Sheila Lynn Ferguson:** *Mixed Chorus 2.*

**Keith Alan Fifield:** *Latin Club 4; Pit Orch. 2,3,4; String Ensemble 4; Symph. Orch. 2,3,4; Solo and Ensemble 3,4; Wrestling 2,3,4 (Capt.)*

**Debbie Fisher.**

**Roy E. Fisher:** *Intramurals 3,4; NHS 3,4; Concert Band 2; Marching Indians 2,3; Pep Band 2; Symphonic Band 3.*

**Sheri Lynn Fitzjarrald.**

**Jerry J. Fogarty:** *Boys' State 3; Intramurals 2,3,4; Cross Country 2,3,4; Track 2,3,4.*

**Jacqueline Forrest.**

**Michelle D. Foster:** *Junior Miss 4; Spanish Club 2,3; Choralliers 3,4; Mixed Chorus 2; Symphonic Band 3.*

**Lisa Francesconi:** *Teacher Asst. 2,4;*

*Cheerleader 2,3,4; FEA 4; Intramurals 2,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Student Council Honorary Member 4.*

**Roy Franklin:** *Teacher Asst. 3,4; Intramurals 3,4; Pow Wow 3,4; Quill and Scroll 4.*

**David Fritz.**

**Laurel Gajdik.**

**Christine Gardner.**

**Philip A. Garzella.**

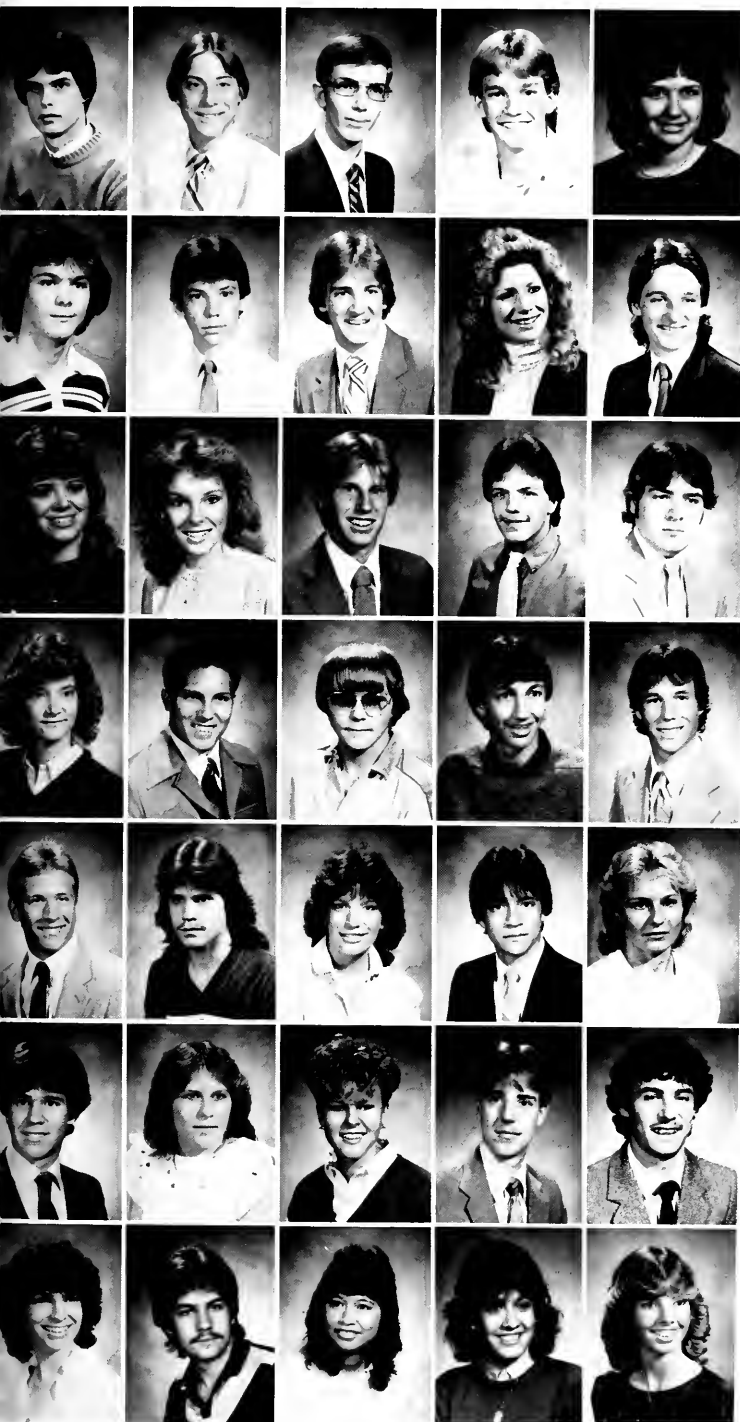
**Wayne Gerber:** *Teacher Asst. 3,4; Intramurals 2,3,4; Ski Club 4; Football 2,3,4; Wrestling 2.*

**Gina Giese.**

**Jolene Gilbert:** *Teacher Asst. 4; Intramurals 3,4; Pow Wow 4; Swim Timer 4; World Affairs 3; SADD 4; Student Council Class Rep. 3; Pres. 4.*



# Seniors



David M. Gillis.  
Tim A. Glancy.  
Kevin Michael Gleason: *JROTC Color Guard 2,3,4; Physical Fitness 2,3,4; Rifle Team 3,4; World Affairs Conference 2.*  
Jon Glenn.  
Brenda S. Gobin: *Spanish Club 2; NHS 3,4.*

Randy Godbey.  
Glen E. Goodwin: *Cross Country 3; Track 2,3.*  
Richard Todd Gore: *Teacher Asst. 3,4; Intramurals 4; Prom Court 3,4; Ski Club 3,4; Student Council Honorary Member 4; SADD 4.*  
Angie Gorrasi.  
Joe Gouger.

Denene Goulden.  
Michele Kimberly Graveline: *Teacher Asst. 3,4; Junior Miss 4; Pep Club 2.*  
Robert Greavu: *Thespians 4; Basketball 2,4; Tennis 2,3,4.*  
Zachary Green.  
Anthony T. Gregorash: *Teacher Asst. 3,4; Saga Staff 4.*

Pamela S. Gucich: *Assistant: Office 4; Intramurals 2,4; Pep Club 3,4; Pom Poms 3,4; Photographer 4; Class Rep. 2.*  
James R. Guerrero: *JROTC Color Guard 2,3,4; Drill Team 2,3,4; Physical Fitness 2,3,4.*  
Ray G. Gustafson.  
Mike Guzik.  
Matthew Hale: *Teacher Asst. 3,4; German Club 2,3,4; Intramurals 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Pow Wow 2,3 (Editor); 4; Quill & Scroll 3,4 (Pres.); Quiz Bowl 4; Tennis 2,3,4 (Co-capt.).*

Dwayne Hallman: *Teacher Asst. 4; FCA 4; Intramurals 3,4; Football 2,3,4.*  
William Mark Halstead.  
Connie Harbaugh.  
Carl James Harbison: *Teacher Asst. 4; Speech & Debate Club 2; Swimming 2.*  
Heidi Hartung.

David E. Hathaway: *Intramurals 3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Basketball 2.*  
Cheryl Lynn Haywood: *Girls' Ensemble 3; Mixed Chorus 2,4.*  
Annika Amelie Hellman: *Intramurals 4; Ski Club 4.*  
Tim Henderson.  
David Thomas Hendrix: *A.V. Club 3; Intramurals 4; Saga Staff 2; Concert Band 2,3; Marching Indians 2,3; Football Mgr. 4.*  
Deann Hendrix: *JROTC 2,3; Color Guard 2,3; Drill Team 2,3; Physical Fitness 2,3.*  
Keith Allan Hennings.  
Jeri L. Henry.  
Donna Irys Hernandez: *Teacher Asst. 4; Junior Miss 4; Spanish Club 4; Concert Orch. 2; Girls' Ensemble 2,3; Pit Orch. 3; String Ensemble 2,3; Symphonic Orch. 2,3.*  
Pamela Sue Hines: *NHS 3,4; Pep Club 2; Gymnastics 2,3,4; FEA 4.*

# Seniors

**Keith Hinkle.**

**Dee Dee Hominger.**

**Army Jo Hooper:** *Saga 3.*

**Cleet E. Hopkins:** *Teacher Asst. 3,4;*

*Intramurals 4; JROTC Color Guard 2,3; Drill Team 2,3.*

**Tiffany S. Hord.**

**Katalin Livia Horzsa:** *Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; FEA 4.*

**Lisa L. Howell:** *Teacher Asst. 3,4; Latin Club 4 (vice-pres.); Ski Club 3; SADD 4.*

**Tracy A. Hubbard:** *French Honor Society 2,3; Intramurals 2,4; NHS 3,4.*

**Michael T. Hurst:** *Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Ski Club 4; Concert Band 2; Marching Indians 2.*

**Martha Husted.**

**Sandra L. Igras.**

**Susan Marie Igras:** *Concert Band 2;*

*Marching Indians 2,3; Symphonic Band 3.*

**Micheal Paul Iliif:** *Concert Band 2;*

*Symphonic Band 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 4.*

**Valorie Ingram:** *NHS 3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Tennis 2,3,4.*

**David W. Ison.**

**Margaret M. Jacob.**

**Dale D. Jalovecky.**

**Sandra A. Janik:** *Teacher Asst. 4.*

**Brian Jarabek:** *Teacher Asst. 2,3,4;*

*Intramurals 2,3,4; Golf 2,3,4.*

**Richard Jennings:** *Intramurals 2,3,4; Soccer 2,3,4 (Capt.); Tennis 2,3,4 (Co-Capt.).*

**Anne Jensen.**

**Mike S. Jetmund:** *Concert Band 2,3;*

*Marching Indians 2; Symphonic Band 4;*

*Wrestling 2 (mgr.).*

**Sandy Johnson.**

**Deanna L. Jones.**

**Joseph C. Jones.**

**Paula Lorraine José:** *FCA 4; Intramurals 4;*

*NHS 3,4; Pep Club 2; Volleyball 2,3,4; Class*

*Rep. 4; Student Council Honorary Member*

*2,3; SADD 4(Sec'y).*

**Lisa M. Kaiser.**

**Michael R. Kalember:** *Jazz Band 2; Track 2.*

**Dawn Michele Kalina:** *Teacher Asst. 4;*

*FCA 4; FEA 4 (vice-pres.); Intramurals 2,3,4;*

*Concert Orchestra 2; Symphonic Orchestra*

*2,3,4; Softball 4; Volleyball 2,3,4(MVP).*

**Dave Kasarda:** *Intramurals 2,3,4; Swim Timer 2,3,4; Swimming 2,3,4.*

**RaeAnne Kasprzak.**

**Richard N. Keel.**

**Lisa M. Kessler:** *Teacher Asst. 3.*

**Douglas K. Keleman:** *Ski Club 2,3,4.*

**Charles Kenealy.**





**Sonya Kay Kerner:** Teacher Asst. 2,3,4.

**Steven Mark Kile:** Media Asst. 3,4.

**Kevin J. Kilmurry.**

**Mark Kinch Kincheloe:** Boy's State 3; Intramurals 3; NHS 4; Jazz Band 2,3; Football 2,3,4.

**Angela Kingery.**

**Steven Anthony Kingery:** Track 2.

**Joni A. Kirkpatrick.**

**Kelly Kitchen:** Choralliers 4; Girls' Ensemble 3; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Symphonic Choir 3,4.

**Christy Klein:** Cheerleader 2,3; FCA 2; Homecoming Court 4; Pep Club 2,3; Tennis 2.

**Mary M. Koronec:** Teacher Asst. 2,3,4.

**Shelly Ann Kosak:** Envr. Club 3; News

Bureau 3; NHS 3,4; Sym. Band 3.

**Christopher A. Koski:** Teacher Asst. 3; Intr. 2,3,4; Golf 2,4.

**Ronda Lynn Krasek:** Concert Band 2; Marching Indians 2,3; Pep Band 2; Sym. Band 3.

**Kathleen Marie Krieg:** Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Concert Band 2; Marching Indians 2,3; Pep Band 2,3; Rifle Corps 2; Sym. Band 3.

**Kathy Marie Krill:** Envr. Club 4; German Club 2,3; Jr. Miss 3.

**Marsha Kay Krostag.**

**April Kukler.**

**Timothy Scott Kunstek:** World Affairs 3; Prom Court 3; Thespians 3,4; BB 2,3,4 (capt.); Football 2,3,4.

**Michelle R. Kurtzman:** FEA 4; Concert Band 2,3; Marching Indians 2,3; Pep Band 2,3; Sym. Band 3.

**Kristin Jo Marie Kurtz:** Teacher Asst. 4; FCA 4; French Club 2,3; French Honor Society 2,3,4; Girl's State 3; Intr. 4; Jr. Miss 3; NHS 3,4; BB 2; CC 2,3,4 (co-capt.); Track 2,3; Student Council Treas. 4; Hon. Member 3.

## Seniors make plans for the 'Real World'

by Scott Baker

What did the senior class do after they graduated? What were their plans for the future?

Senior Nannette Perez said she wanted to be in retail marketing. "I like working on clothes and buying them," she said. Nannette originally wanted to be an executive secretary and took business classes in her junior year but later changed her mind. She said the business courses did help, a little.

A construction worker was what senior Allen Carpenter wanted to be. "It runs in the family; my brother is one," Allen said.

He planned to live in Florida and work there. Taking industrial arts and wood shop classes in high school helped prepare him for his career choice.

Christy Klein had already started preparing for her future. "Right now I'm going to cosmetology school," she explained. After she finishes that, Christy is going to pursue an education in business.

Senior Rhonda Wagner is going to Indiana University to become a mathematician. "I really like math, and I thought it would be a real interesting field to get into," she said. Rhonda commented that a student needs a lot of advanced math courses to become a mathematician.

Not all seniors were going to go to college right away. Rich McDaniel said he was going into the military. "Nothing else would give me the job security," he said.

Purdue and Indiana University were two area colleges that many PHS graduates attended. Senior Sherry Sortillo planned on studying hotel or restaurant management at Purdue. She got interested in that career when some friends described it to her.

What was going to happen in the future? "I don't know. I take it one day at a time," said Tammy Lake. She planned on finding a secretarial job.

# Seniors

by Mickey Dunning

**T**he computer does all the work," said Mr. James Conway, assistant principal, "and it will sophisticate and update the grading process."

Next fall each student will receive one computer printout listing his or her grades instead of individual handwritten cards. The report card will list a student's grade in each course, tardies, exempt absences and non-exempt absences just as the old report cards did. One of the advantages to computer grading, explained Conway, is that the computer has been programmed to automatically calculate a student's grade point average, athletic eligibility and honor roll eligibility.

"If a student makes the honor roll," said Conway, "The computer prints out on the bottom of the sheet 'Congratulations, you made the honor roll.' The students grade

point average will also be printed on the card every semester."

Nine comments ranging from "work is superior in quality" to "homework needs improvement" will be available to teachers desiring to communicate to parents.

At the end of the three nine weeks teachers practiced filling out the scan sheets. Scan sheets are cards on which teachers must darken circles that can be read by the computer. They also filled out regular report cards "as a back up."

"It's about time we had them," said Miss Elibasich, social studies teacher. She added that using the computer saves a lot of time because every student's name and grade did not have to be written out. "Also," said Miss Elibasich, "it will avoid kids trading or touching up their report cards."

Mr. Dennis Bond, social studies teacher, said, "There is not a great deal of

change." He also added, "If you don't see very well, filling out those little dots can be a chore."

Heidi Fritz, sophomore, said, "I think it's a good idea if it saves time. The computer is probably more accurate."

Another problem will be alleviated using the new system. Students will attend homeroom at the end of each grading period to pick up their card.

Mary Trimble, junior, said she felt the new system will be good because students will not have to worry about going back to their old classes to get their grades when the semester changes.

A lot of paperwork will be eliminated, said Mr. Conway, when the senior transcripts are made. The computer prints stickers that can be placed on one permanent record. The secretaries will not have to transfer by hand every senior's grades.

**John William Kwilas:** Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Intramurals 2,3,4; Thespians 4; Track 2,3,4.

**Tammy Lynn Lake.**

**Michael James Lakomek.**

**James Michael Land:** Teacher Asst. 4; Spanish Club 2,3,4; Concert Band 2; Concert Orchestra 2; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3; Symphonic Orchestra 3; Symphonic Choir 4.

**David A. Lara:** Tennis 2; Track 2,3,4.

**Marci J. Lavender:** Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; NHS 3,4.

**Charmaine Louise Lawrence:** Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Mixed Choir 2,3,4; Girls' Glee 2,3,4.

**Shelly May Lazear:** Marching Indians 2,3,4; Pep Band 2,3; Pit Orchestra 4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Concert Band 2.

**Linda Leeper.**

**Lisa Ann Lemanski:** Teacher Asst. 4.

**Keith T. Lemmons.**

**Cory Lemon.**

**Larry Lenon.**

**Richard A. Lenon.**

**Tracei Kimberly Likes:** Girls' Ensemble 2,3,4; Mixed Choir 2,3,4.

**David G. Lindsey.**

**Kevin A. Line:** JROTC Physical Fitness 2; Concert Orchestra 2.

**Gregory L. Loar.**

**Kelley Lomax:** FEA 4; NHS 3,4; Quiz Bowl 4; Spanish Club 2,3 (Vice-Pres.), 4 (Vice-Pres.); Golf 4.

**David A. Longfellow.**





# Seniors



**Carol Lynn Lorenzetti:** *Teacher Asst. 3,4; Pep Club 2,3; Pom Pons 2,3; Ski Club 3 (Sec'y); 4; Class Rep. 2.*

**James L. Lovell.**

**Jane Lucas:** *Teacher Asst. 3,4; FCA 4; Volleyball 2,3,4.*

**Joe W. Mack:** *Wrestling 2,3,4.*

**Robert J. Majewski.**

**Alan J. Mangene:** *Cross Country 4; Track 2,3,4; Wrestling 2,3,4.*

**Ellis R. Mann.**

**Amy Sue Maples.**

**Kelly Kristine Maples:** *Tennis 2,3,4.*

**John Merritt Mario:** *Intramurals 2,3,4; Prom Court 3; Soccer 2,3,4; Tennis 2,3,4.*

**Deanna Markle:** *French Club 2,3; French Honor Society 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Swimming 2; Student Council Honorary Member 4; SADD 4 (Treas.).*

**Arthur "Bo" W. Marriott IV:** *French Club 2; Intramurals 4; Ski Club 2,3,4 (Treas.); Student Council Honorary Member 2; Class Rep. 4; SADD 4.*

**Lorrie Martin:** *French Club 2; Intramurals 2,4; Golf 3,4.*

**Sonya Faye Mason:** *Pep Club 4; Mixed Chorus 2; Symphonic Choir 3.*

**Greg A. Massom.**

**Sue E. Matthews.**

**Scott Matuga:** *Teacher Asst. 2,3; Intramurals 2,3,4; Swim Timer 2,3,4; Track Timer 3,4; Baseball 2; Swimming 2,3,4 (Co-Capt.); SADD 4.*

**Sharon Mayhew.**

**Tony R. McCall.**

**Patti M. McCord.**

**Rich P. McDaniel.**

**Karla S. McEwan.**

**Tony "Codak" McFarland:** *Ski Club 4.*

**Dawn L. McGill.**

**Sean F. McMullen.**

**Jeffery McWaters:** *Track 2,3,4; Football 3,4.*

**Johnathan M. McWhirter.**

**Missy A. Medley.**

**Rebecca Ann Melton:** *Teacher Asst. 4.*

**Dawn I. Messer:** *Pep Club 4; Saga 4; Teacher Asst. 4.*

**Anna Elizabeth Miestowski:** *Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Pep Club 4; Pom Pons 4.*

**James W. Migoski:** *Intramurals 4; Concert Band 2; Concert Orchestra 2; Jazz Band 2,3,4; Marching Indians 2,3,4; Pep Band 2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 3,4.*

**Lewis A. Miko.**

**Detrian M. Miller.**

**James A. Miller.**



# Seniors

**Bill Miller.**

**David Wayne Milligan:** *Intramurals 2,3,4; FCA 4; Baseball 2,3,4; Football 2,3,4.*

**G. Tom Miner:** *Swimming 2.*

**Jenelle Lynn Monnier:** *Office Asst. 2,3,4; FEA 4 (Sec'y); Junior Miss 3; Pep Club 2,3 (Sec'y/Treas.), 4(Pres.).*

**Michael A. Moody:** *Teacher Asst. 4.*

**Tammy Morris.**

**Shawna Lee Moses:** *Girls' Ensemble 3,4; Mixed Chorus 2.*

**Jennifer M. Mucha.**

**Stacey J. Mueller:** *Cheerleader 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Homecoming Court 4; Prom Court 3; Junior Miss 4.*

**Jeffrey E. Mullins:** *Intramurals 2,4; Spanish Club 2; Ski Club 2,4.*

**Charles Dwaine Munsell.**

**Sandra L. Murray.**

**Michael S. Nabhan:** *Intramurals 3,4; Basketball 2; Swimming 3.*

**Donielle S. Nadeau:** *Teacher Asst. 2,3; Pep Club 3; SADD 4.*

**Jacqueline M. Nairn:** *Marching Indians 2,3,4; Pep Band 3,4; Symphonic Band 2,3,4; SADD 4; Symphonic Choir 4.*

**Randal Neary.**

**Pat R. Nelson:** *Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Football 2,3,4.*

**Patricia Nelson.**

**David Nevill.**

**Tan D. Nguyen.**

**Ken Nolan:** *Teacher Asst. 2; Symphonic Band 3; Lifter 2.*

**Rosemarie Nordyke:** *FCA 4; Intramurals 2,3,4; NHS 4; Prom Committee 3; Basketball 2; Student Council Honorary Member 2.*

**Alisa Norman.**

**Carol Lynn Norton:** *French Club 2; Swim Timer 3.*

**John Nunez.**

**Kimberley Ann O'Boyle:** *Concert Band 2; Marching Indians 2,3; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Symphonic Band 3.*

**Timothy Patrick O'Donovan:** *Science Club 4; Class Rep. 3; Student Council Honorary Member 4.*

**Darlene O'Malley.**

**William J. O'Reilly:** *Teacher Asst. 3,4; Choraliers 3,4; Symphonic Choir 3; Lifters 4.*

**Frank C. Osterkamp:** *JROTC Color Guard 2,3,4; Drill Team 2,3,4; Physical Fitness 2,3,4; Rifle Team 3,4.*

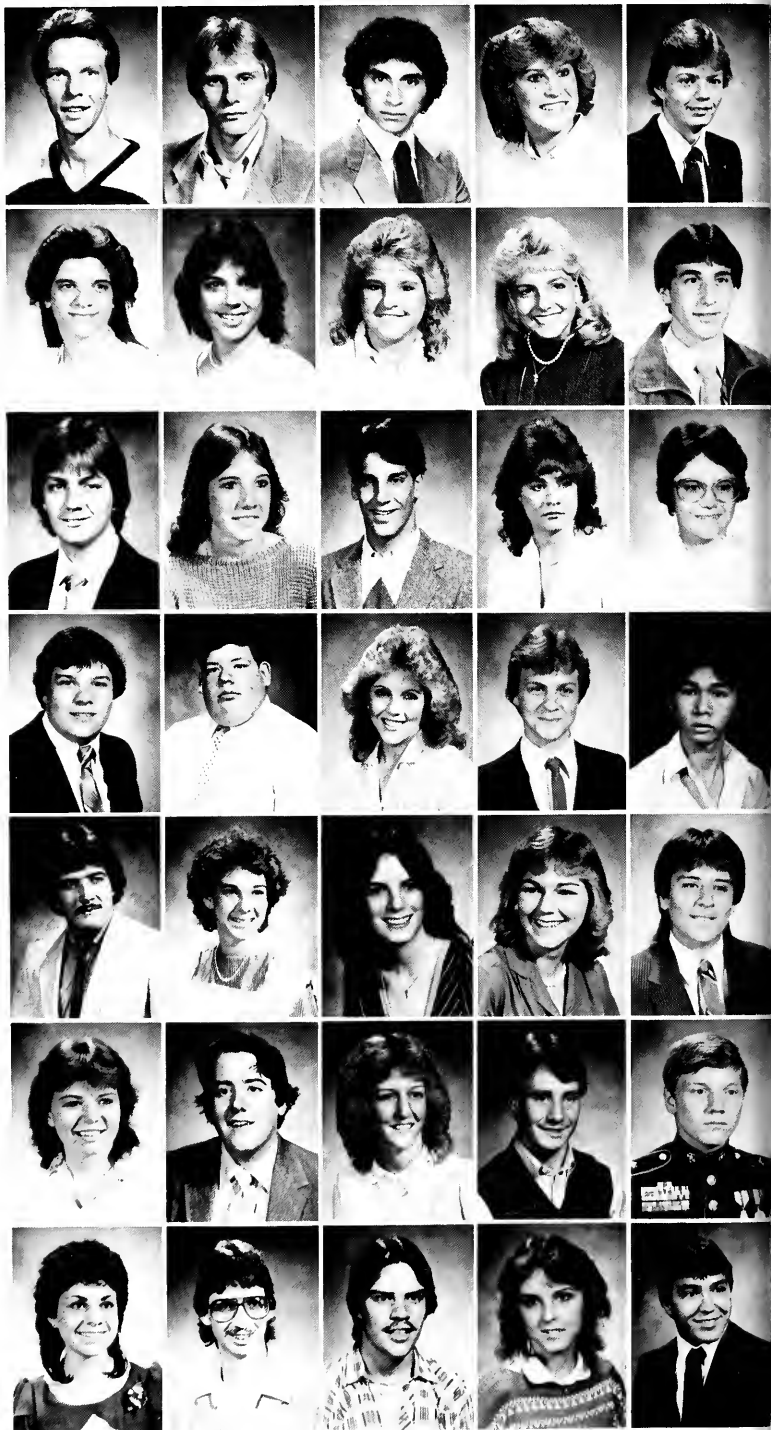
**Dawn Marie Owczarzak:** *NHS 3,4; Spanish Club 2,3 (Treas.).*

**Bobby Owens.**

**Bill Parketon.**

**Tammy Passon.**

**DJ Jay Pavic.**



## Fashion at PHS influenced by rock stars

by Anne Lewis

Cyndi Lauper, Boy George and Prince were a few of the celebrities that influenced the hair styles and fads. Some of these included Mohawk haircuts, fluorescent clothing and long, dangling, unmatched earrings.

Bright colors, glaring from a distance almost knocking someone off his feet would surely get attention. Senior Bill Miller said, "I like to stick out in the crowd once in a while." Bill usually has no trouble doing so, since he is 6'4".

Junior Mick Koslow said that fluorescent clothes were OK to wear, but not too often.

Mark Price, junior, said, "I think some are too crazy like the bright orange."

Not everybody liked the bright cloth-

ing. Freshman Rich Lewis said he'd rather see people without shirts than with fluorescent shirts.

Far-fetched things were in for 1984-85. Mel Eldridge, senior, said he thought that guys wearing girls' clothes was pretty wild. A pop rock singer, Boy George, had started this fad. The fad was pretty popular around the country, but it didn't quite make it to PHS.

Tabitha Orris, sophomore, said she thought crop-pants and pump shoes were too much.

Sunglasses were a big fad and controversy at school. A rule prohibiting sunglasses during school hours was put into effect because they were a distraction in class, and that was in violation of the dress code.

A sophomore girl said she didn't understand why there were so many problems with the sunglasses. "They don't do any harm."

Break dancers and break dancing were also pretty popular. There was a rule that prohibited break-dancing in school. It was proven by doctors that this type of dancing could be hazardous to one's health. Some students persisted if it wasn't during school hours.

Long dangling earrings that were unmatched were brought to PHS by a rock singer, Cyndi Lauper. Lauper also influenced some to get her wild hair style. This consisted of at least two colors and one side shaved off. Senior Nickie Verboon had this unique hairdo.



**Deborah Pena:** Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Cheerleader 2; Junior Miss 3,4; Pep Club 2,3; Pom Poms 3.

**David Wayne Penix:** Teacher Asst. 3; Intramurals 2; Swim Timer 2,3,4; Swimming 2,3,4; Track 2; FCA 2,3.

**Paul H. Pennington Jr.**

**Nanette Perez:** Girl's State 3, Spanish Club 2,3,4 (Pres.); Junior Miss 3; Student Council Honorary Member 4.

**Stacey Peters.**

**Kellie Marie Peterson:** French Club 3; Ski Club 3 (Vice-Pres.); 4; Swim Timer 3; SADD 4; Student Council Honorary Member 2; Class Vice-Pres. 3,4.

**Lori J. Petronka:** French Club 2; French Honor Society 2,3,4; FEA 4; Girl's State 3; Junior Miss 3; NHS 3,4.

**Drew Petrou:** Teacher Asst. 3,4; Intramurals 3,4; Track 3,4; Thespians 4.

**Peyton J. Phillips.**

**Tammie S. Phillips.**

**Clifford G. Pierce:** Lifters 4; Intramurals 2; Class Rep. 3.

**Michael L. Plance:** Teacher Asst. 2,4; Football 2.

**Kim A. Plinovich.**

**John A. Plunkett:** German Club 2,3,4; Intramurals 4; NHS 4; Football 2; Soccer 2,3,4.

**Toni Jean Porshia.**

**Angelina LaVerne Potter:** French Club 4; Intramurals 2; Office Asst. 4.

**Shelby Joy Potts:** Teacher Asst. 2,4; FCA 3; Basketball 2; Cross Country 2,3,4 (Capt.); Basketball Mgr. 3,4; Basketball Statistician 3,4.

**Fred Prentice.**

**Paula A. Prusynski.**

**Marlena I. Quaka:** Teacher Asst. 3,4; Intramurals 3,4.

# Seniors

## Drinking a reality — but not for everyone

by Dave Hendrix

**A**lthough illegal to be possessed by anyone under 21, according to Indiana state law, alcohol was an item that added to some students' weekend enjoyments.

Some students were given alcohol in moderate amounts by parents or other relatives. Others drank without their parents' knowledge or consent. But in whatever way it was obtained, many types of alcoholic beverages were used.

Interviews with some PHS students revealed some interesting views about alcohol use. For one thing, a number of those asked did not drink at all.

Most of the guys who drank said that they liked whatever they could get their hands on, usually beer. Many of the girls seemed to be more selective in their

tastes. Favorites ranged from champagne to Southern Comfort to whiskey and Pepsi.

Reasons why students did or did not drink varied. One junior girl did not drink because of a previous "bad experience." Another senior girl thought that people who drink "act stupid." Reasons for drinking broke down into two basic categories: "forgetting problems for a while," and taste, the far dominant reason. However, a freshman boy said that he wished beer could have its flavor without containing alcohol. "I like the taste of beer, but I hate how it feels the day after." He added that he tried low-alcohol "near beer" before, and that it tasted "totally fake ... like water with salt in it."

None of the students interviewed had ever driven a car under the influence of alcohol. "I already break the law just by

having beer," said one junior boy. "I sure wouldn't want to get in more trouble by having an accident driving that way."

One way drunk driving was dealt with by authorities was the roadblocks on the highways which were ruled constitutional by courts, despite protest from students and adults alike. "It's a good way to find who's driving drunk," admitted a senior. "But for those of us who aren't, I think it's a violation of our right against being searched."

Finally, none of the students surveyed had ever come to school under the influence, possibly because of the strict school rules against it. It caused suspension and grounds for expulsion. Most students felt that that was the last thing they needed. (See a related story on the new SADD chapter on page 137.)

**Tom Quitasol:** SADD 4.  
**Bill R. Rambo:** Teacher Asst. 4; Intramurals 2,3; Swimming 3; Track 2.  
**Jackie Ramirez:** AV Club 2; Ski Club 4; Concert Band 2,3; Marching Indians 2,3,4.  
**Bryan T. Ray.**  
**Shawn R. Reed.**

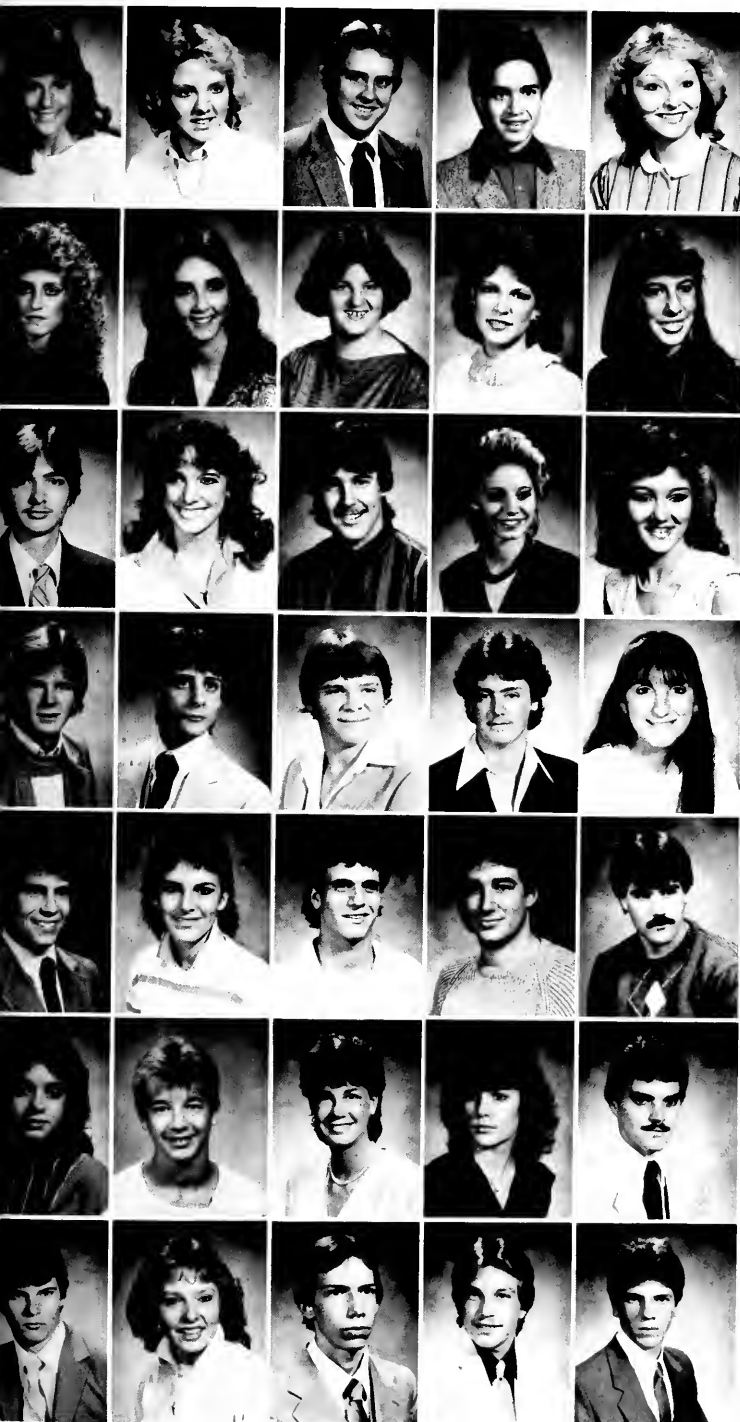
**Veronica Y. Remm.**  
**Jerry H. Renahan III:** Football 2,3.  
**Kellie J. Revetta:** Basketball Mgr. 2,3; Basketball Stat. 2.  
**Jose L. Reyes.**  
**Jimmy H. Reynolds.**

**Dru S. Risher:** Ski Club 3.  
**Lisa C. Ritchie.**  
**Christopher J. Roberts.**  
**Aaron K. Robinson.**  
**Robert Rogala.**

**Paul M. Roman.**  
**Lori Lynn Romanov:** Teacher Asst. 3,4; FCA 3,4 (Vice-pres.); Intramurals 3,4; Junior Miss 4; Cross Country 3,4; Basketball Mgr. 2,3.  
**Paul M. Rossman:** Media Asst. 3,4.  
**John N. Sabovcik:** Intramurals 4; Concert Band 2; Jazz Band 3,4; Marching Indians 2,3,4; Pep Band 2,3,4; Symphonic Band 4.  
**Dan Salain:** Intramurals 4; Ski Club 3,4; Teacher Asst. 3; Football 2,4; Track 2,3.



# Seniors



**Natalia Lynn Saliano:** *Teacher Asst. 2; NHS 2; Pep Club 2,3; Track 2.*  
**Julie Samardak.**  
**Timothy J. Sampson.**  
**Phillip Sanchaz.**  
**Laura Sandags.**

**Michelle L. Sandberg.**  
**Connie B. Sargent.**  
**Kimberly L. Satterfield.**  
**Robyn S. Saurborn:** *Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Creative Players 3; FEA 4; Thespians 4; Metrovision 4.*  
**Nancy J. Savel.**

**Mike Sawyer.**  
**Terri Scroggin:** *Teacher Asst. 2,4; Cheerleader 4; French Club 2; French Honor Society 3,4; Homecoming Court 4; Intramurals 4; Junior Miss 3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Pom Pons 2,3.*

**Thomas L. Selby III.**  
**Stacie Lee Shaffer:** *Office Asst. 3; Intramurals 4; Saga Staff 4.*  
**Stephanie Sherry:** *Teacher Asst. 3,4; Intramurals 4; Junior Miss 4; Pow Wow 3,4; Quill & Scroll 3,4 (Sec'y.); Student Council Honorary Member 4; Class Treas. 3.*

**Mike Shields.**  
**Dean L. Siar:** *Ski Club 2,3,4; Cross Country 2.*

**Dave Smith.**  
**Steve Smith.**  
**Jonna Smothermon:** *Concert Band 2,3; Concert Orchestra 2; Drum Major 4; Marching Indians 2,3,4; Pep Band 2; Symphonic Band 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 3.*

**Doug Snider.**  
**Pennie Snoder.**  
**Mike W. Sobczak:** *Ski Club 4.*  
**David Someson.**  
**Kaith Someson:** *Intramurals 4; Baseball 4.*

**Lisa Sommer.**  
**Torbin Sorenson.**  
**Sherry L. Sortillo:** *FCA 2,3 (Treas.),4 (Pres.); French Club 3; Intramurals 3,4; Volleyball 2,3,4; Student Council Class Rep. 2; Honorary Member 3.*  
**Lynnette M. Sowa.**  
**Jay A. Spencer:** *Teacher Asst. 4; Intramurals 4.*

**Don A. Spicer:** *Teacher Asst. 3,4; Diving 2,3,4; Wrestling 2,3.*  
**Dena Spurling.**  
**Terry D. Staffeld.**  
**Bruce A. Stanley.**  
**Daniel P. Stanley:** *FCA 4; Intramurals 3,4; NHS 3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Basketball 2; Football 2,3,4.*

# Seniors

**David J. Stanley.**

**J.C. Stanley.**

**Dan J. Steward:** Teacher Asst. 3; Football 2,3,4.

**Amy Stillabower:** Teacher Asst. 4; Intramurals 4; Basketball 2,3.

**Daniel L. Stilwell.**

**Deborah Ann Stowers:** Spanish Club 4; Ski Club 4; Concert Band 2,3,4; Concert Orchestra 2,3,4; Marching Indians 2,3,4; Pep Band 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 2,3,4.

**Susan Lynn Striker:** Girls' Ensemble 2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4.

**Brenda K. Sutherland:** FCA 2; Basketball 2,3,4.

**Theresa A. Swab:** Teacher Asst. 4; Intramurals 3; Ski Club 3,4; Basketball 2.

**Christopher A. Szilage.**

**Darrell James Tate.**

**Donna Lynn Taylor:** Teacher Asst. 3; Class Rep. 2,3,4.

**Scott Alan Taylor.**

**Milan Tesanovich Jr.**

**John E. Thielbar:** FCA 2,3,4; Intramurals 2,3,4; Lifters 4; Basketball 2; Football 2; Soccer Mgr. 2,3,4.

**Bill J. Thompson:** Intramurals 2,3,4; Ski Club 4; Baseball 4.

**Gena Thompson:** Teacher Asst. 4; Intramurals 4; NHS 3,4; Spanish Club 2; Ski Club 4; Basketball 2,3.

**Ricky L. Thompson:** Student Council Honorary Member 2.

**Sean D. Thompson.**

**Christine D. Timberman.**

**James R. Timberman:** Office Asst. 4; FCA 3; Swimming 2,3,4; Student Council Honorary Member 3,4.

**Lisa Tomac:** French Club 4; Pep Club 3,4; Pom Pons 4.

**Susie J. Torres:** Mixed Chorus 3.

**Cynthia Torrez:** Intramurals 2; Symphonic Orchestra 4.

**Thoa Thanh Thi Tran:** NHS 3,4.

**Viet Quoc Tran:** German Club 2,3,4; Intramurals 3,4; NHS 3,4; Quiz Bowl 4; Basketball 2; Basketball Statistician 3,4.

**Brian A. Trapp.**

**Kimberly R. Trembicki.**

**Jeff Tully.**

**Danielle D. Turnak:** Teacher Asst. 3; Cheerleader 2; French Club 2,3,4; Girls' State 3; Junior Miss 3; NHS 3,4; Pep Club 2,3; Speech & Debate Club 4; French Honor Society 3,4.

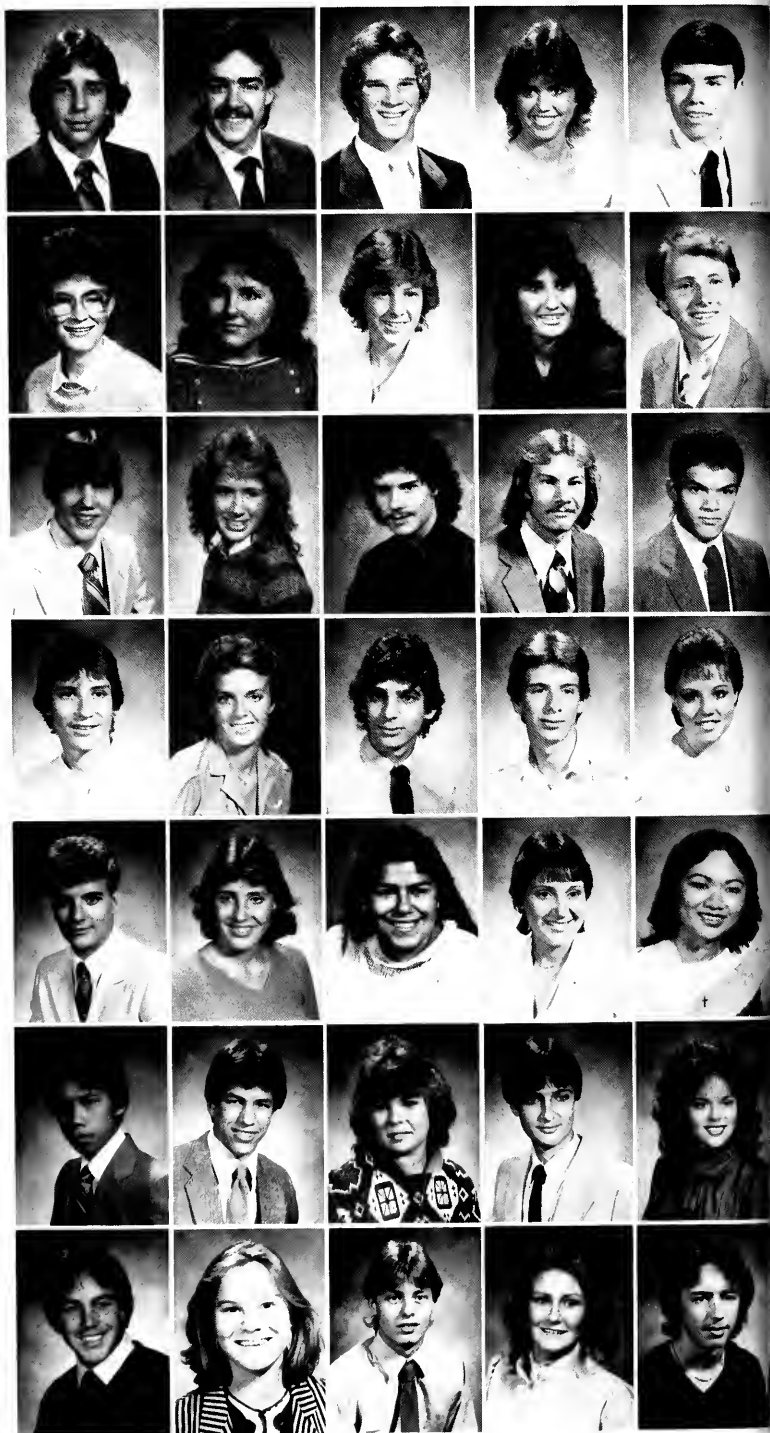
**Scott Tuthill.**

**Feli V. Twickel:** French Club 4; German Club 4; Ski Club 4; Tennis 4; German Exchange Student 4.

**Mark A. Urban.**

**Vickie Lynn Utley:** Pep Club 3.

**Dave Utterback.**



# Seniors



**Jeffrey S. Veluz:** Intramurals 4; NHS 3,4 (Pres.); Quiz Bowl 4; Jazz Band 2; Student Council Honorary Member 4; Class Pres. 2.  
**Gina Renea Venturella:** Teacher Asst. 3,4; NHS 3,4; Speech & Debate Club 3,4; Business Award 4.

**Roberta Nichole "Nickie" Verboon:** Symphonic Orchestra 2,3.

**Tina Vernon.**

**Larry W. Vickrey:** Intramurals 3,4; Football 2,3,4; Track 3,4.

**Rhonda F. Wagner.**

**Susan L. Walton:** French Club 2,3,4; French Honor Society 2,3,4; Intramurals 2,3,4; Symphonic Band 2,3; Concert Band 2.

**Darrin Mark Watt.**

**Joseph M. Wayne:** Pep Band 2; Pit Orchestra 2; Concert Band 2.

**Tom A. Wayne.**

**Dennis R. Webber:** Football 2,3,4; Tennis 2,3,4.

**Douglas R. Weltz.**

**Charles E. Whelan:** Intramurals 3,4; Cross Country 2,3,4; Track 2,3,4.

**Belinda S. White:** Intramurals 4; Spanish Club 2; Ski Club 4; SADD 4.

**Andrew A. Wielgus:** Intramurals 2,3,4.

**Kathy D. Wiles.**

**Sean P. Wilkie:** FCA 2; Baseball 2; Football 2; Wrestling 2,3,4.

**Lisa Wilkins:** Teacher Asst. 4; Cheerleader 2,3,4; French Honor Society 2,3,4; Homecoming Queen 4; Junior Miss 4; NHS 3,4(Sec'y.); Pep Club 2,3,4(Vice-pres.); Prom Princess 3; Class Rep. 3; Class Secretary 4.

**Catherine M. Williams.**

**Christina Williams.**

**Timothy Williams:** Intramurals 4; Pow Wow 4.

**Shawn Wills.**

**Susanne Cathleen Wilmath.**

**Faith A. Wilson:** Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Intramurals 2,3; Pep Club 2; Flag Corps 3.  
**Michell Wilson:** Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Pep Club 3,4; Girls' Ensemble 4; Mixed Chorus 2,3.

**Janet Lynn Winandy:** Spanish Club 2,3,4 (Sec'y.); Saga Staff 4.

**Laura J. Winegar:** Spanish Club 2; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; SADD 4.

**Rob J. Wishnevski:** Intramurals 3; Baseball 2,3,4; Basketball 2; Football 2,3,4 (Co-Capt.).  
**Desiree Lynn Wright:** Intramurals 3,4; Softball 2,3,4.

**Dawn M. Yates:** Teacher Asst. 3.

**John W. Yauch.**

**Terri Yudd:** Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Homecoming Court 4; Intramurals 4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Prom Court 3; Ski Club 2,3.

**Kristina L. Zabala.**

**Key to abbreviations, pages 104-119:**

AV Club = Audio Visual Club  
 FEA = Future Educators of America  
 FCA = Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
 JROTC = Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps  
 NHS = National Honor Society



## Vending machines ok'd

by Bob Jones  
and Renae Poffinbarger

**A**fter two years without vending machines, administrators returned them. Some students used the newly acquired machines for snacks after school. "I go before marching band to get something to drink," Steve Evans, sophomore, said.

When administrators returned the vending machines, they took student eating habits into consideration. To keep the consumption of "junk food" down, the vending machines were programed to be on only from 2:30 to 3:00 each afternoon.

April Elledge, junior, mentioned, "The cafeteria is pretty well stocked with junk food, so the vending machines should not

contribute to students' bad eating habits." Because of the Noncompetitive Food Policy, the schools are not allowed to sell certain foods like candy, pop and certain snacks, unless they have an okay to sell them from the government food service.

Laurie Gajdik, senior, said she couldn't think of any reasons why the vending machines shouldn't be on during the lunch hours. "The Prom fund could only benefit from the sales," she said.

Stacking fast disappearing snacks into the new vending machines was only part of Mr. Michael Pavell's new job. He took over some of Mrs. Shindeldecker's duties while she was on maternity leave.



David Adams  
Mark Adams  
Michelle Addison  
Alfie Alles  
Jim Albano  
Richard Alexander  
Jeanne Almquist  
Jo Arvin

Larry Asher  
Devon Austin  
Carmen Badillo  
Tony Balboa  
Stephanie Ball  
Greg Barger  
Jerry Barnes  
Bubba Barney

Steve Batides  
Alan Batton  
Kenny Bauknecht  
Roger Beam  
Jeff Beattie  
Susan Belancin  
Tom Bell  
Michael Belongia

Jennie Bernis  
John Berg  
John Berrier  
Lisa Bertucci  
Chris Biedrowski  
Kelly Bishop  
Bonnie Blackburn  
Lynette Blackwell

Robert Blaszkiewicz  
Tina Elvins  
Beth Bodnar  
Don Bogard  
Joe Bogdan  
Windy Bogdan  
Pat Boland  
Jack Bonick

Jeff Bonick  
Georgina Bonner  
Glenn Bonnetts  
Tommy Bost  
Greg Boswell  
Wayne Breyfoyle  
Jill Brimmer  
Jeff Brock





# Juniors



Sharon Bronson  
Brian Brooks  
Scott Brooks  
Danielle Brown  
Joy Brown  
Mandy Browning  
Kurt Bruckner  
Curtis Bruner

Lisa Buchwelter  
George Bugarin  
Serena Burchell  
Jerry Burke  
Pat Burke  
Belinda Burns  
Diane Burns  
Michael Burns

Kathy Burton  
Mark Butler  
Sheri Ceasar  
Doris Camacho  
Jim Campbell  
John Cannon  
Dave Capron  
Kristine Carlson

Colleen Carr  
Margaret Cary  
Ross Castano  
Cermen Castleman  
Kryn Caywood  
Linnæa Casallis  
Brenda Charron  
Joe Chase

Shelly Chatwell  
Robert A. Cheek  
Bill Cheek  
Julie Christman  
Eric Ciesielski  
Lana Clardy  
Chris Clark  
Mari Beth Clark

Karen Clem  
Chris Cleveland  
Cindy Clift  
Julie Coates  
Rich Coburn  
Pat Coffay  
Dave Collins  
Roxanne Colon

Carrie Comerford  
Suzie Compass  
Debbie Condo  
Debbie Conor  
Melesa Cook  
George Corbett  
Jamie Corbett  
Donna Coroe

George Cortina  
Kirk Costello  
Debbie Cos  
Chris Crawford  
Traci Creviston  
Richard Cross  
Vera Csechanski  
Kelly Dahlgren

Eddie Dame  
Mike Darrow  
Charlene Davenport  
Julie Davidson  
Tom Davis  
Don Decker  
Camille Delich  
Sherry Delmastro

Vicky Dickerson  
Jerry Dickey  
William Dillin  
Stacey Dillon  
Don Draie  
Dave Drasich  
Raymond Dunigan  
Amey Dunkelbarger

# Juniors

Felix Duron  
Kelly Dusendang  
Mark Duvall  
Khrist Dwyer  
Lisa Eagle  
Alena Earle  
Mike Eaton  
Kelli Eckhard



Kevin Elam  
Lisa Eldridge  
Brian Elkins  
April Elledge  
Laurie Elwood  
Becky Jean Emery  
Jonathan English  
Duane Erwin



Dora Escobedo  
Jerald Estes  
Chris Evans  
Michelle Evans  
Tammy Evans  
Wally Evans  
Jim Evetts  
Tina Ewen



Sally Farley  
Annie Fielder  
Denise Fisher  
Maria Fisher  
Melissa Fisher  
Jim Fitch  
Melissa Flores  
Lisa Floyd



Cathy Foley  
Tina Foreman  
Todd Fortini  
Bekki Frazier  
Bill Funcheon  
Ken Gagliardi  
Becki Gaines  
Wanda Garren



Tammie Gayheart  
Cindy Gilbert  
John Gilbert  
Joe Gillan  
Rhonda Gilmer  
Paul Gilmore  
Al Gobin  
Darren Godby



Crystal Gokey  
Louis Gonzales  
Greg Gonzalez  
CoGo Gouger  
Terrie Graft  
Chad Granato  
Sandi Grasham  
Allan Greves



Rich Griffith  
Cassie Grishka  
Greg Grochowski  
Jernis Groves  
Monty Groves  
Jason Grube  
Arpi Grunbaum  
Ramona Guernsey



Shelley Gum  
Kim Gumm  
Dan Guzik  
Jeff Hagan  
Rhonda Hale  
Shane Hale  
Natalie Hammock  
Gwen Handlon



Eric Hansen  
Russ Harrington  
Joe Harris  
Barb Haslet  
Lisa Hasse  
Jerry Hays  
Amy Heimberg  
Tracy Helton



# Juniors



Jerry Henry  
 Kelly Hickman  
 Tina Highlan  
 Connie Hill  
 Rhonda Hill  
 Tina Hill  
 Eric Hiller  
 Karen Hitzlay

Mike Himden  
 Jeff Hinkle  
 Keith Hoeschelberg  
 Steve Holley  
 Rex Homme  
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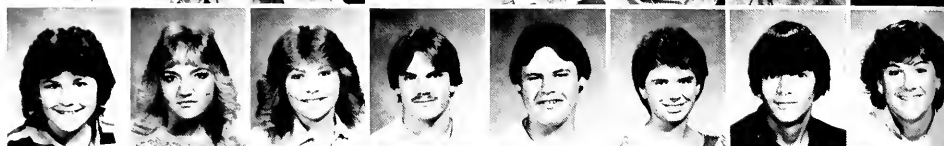
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## Students experience term paperitis

by Lynnette Sowa

**T**erm paper. A phrase that sent chills down the spines of high school students nationwide. Agony, bitten nails, broken pencils, crumpled sheets of paper were all part of the term paper blues.

Term papers were usually required of high school seniors. They were to be expository papers with anywhere from 1,500 words to 2,500, depending on what the teacher decided to assign.

Footnotes, bibliography page and/or notecards or bibliography cards were to be included along with the paper. Topics could be anything the student chose, as long as his subject met with the teacher's

approval.

Resources such as magazines, newspapers, filmstrips, books, pamphlets, authority figures or people who have had experience with the subject being researched were used in doing research and finding information on writing the paper.

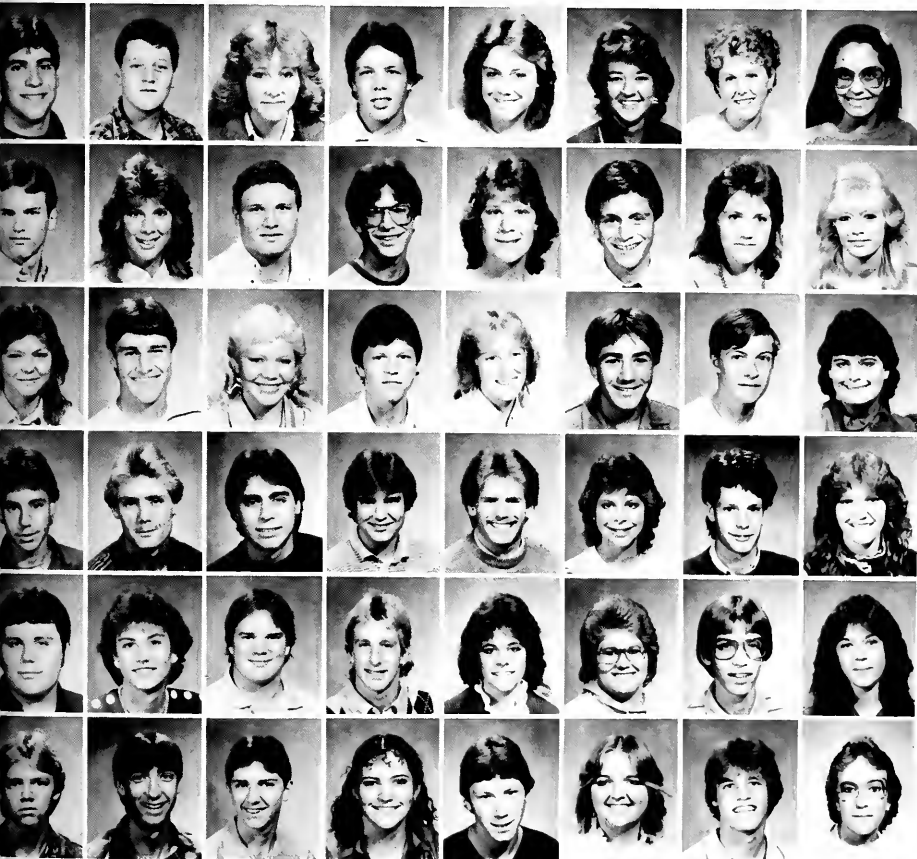
Courses that required term papers included U.S. History, honors classes, Independent Studies and Composition for the College Bound. Some freshmen even wrote the lengthy papers for English class.

Doing term papers brought different reactions from students. Kathy Wildes, senior, said that doing term papers was a "good experience if planning on going to

college" and found that the most difficult thing about doing her paper was footnoting.

"I learned a lot of information about my subject," Kathy Horzsa, senior, found in doing her term paper. The most difficult thing she discovered was finding enough information on her subject.

Reasons for assigning term papers varied. College composition teacher Miss Shirley Spellman wanted her students to learn "how to research thoroughly in any library, to learn and to also be comfortable with the term paper assignment." Maybe writing term papers wasn't so bad after all. Maybe.



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## PHS student experiences German culture

by Duane Keleman and Bob Jones

Most Americans see Germans as strong, bold and tough people, but PHS student Nancy Zavacky went to Germany to see for herself what they were really like.

Nancy got a scholarship to live in Germany for a year. She left for West Germany in July of 1984 and planned to return in either June or July of 1985.

In August, 1984, Nancy moved to Offenbach to live with the Ebbing family. "My host family is so friendly and helpful and we get along great," Nancy said. "I could not have picked out a better placement myself!" she added.

Nancy had several reasons for wanting to be an exchange student. Learning the way of life in a different country was one of them. Several other reasons were being able to learn to speak another language fluently, learning about herself and her beliefs and getting an idea of what she would like to do with her future.

Nancy attended a school in Offenbach made up of grades seven through 13 and

1,100 students. She was in a class of 20 students.

Through the day they stay in one classroom with rotating teachers. According to Nancy, "We're responsible to keep our room and blackboard clean. We have a 'classbook' in which every teacher must record who is absent, who has not done his homework and what is done in class."

Nancy found a few disadvantages in her schooling in Germany. One was that every member of a class must take the same classes; no advanced or slow classes are offered. Another disadvantage was not having the opportunity to meet more people because of having to stay in the same class.

Nancy said she enjoyed living in Germany. "So many things are new and exciting and so much to learn, like adapting to a new culture instead of an 'American tourist.'"

"This year is a great learning and growing experience for me, and I have no regrets for coming to Germany."



Junior Nancy Zavacky traveled to Germany to learn the German culture, to see how it feels to be an exchange student, and to see if the Germans are really what they are made out to be.

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## 'Ideal' class situation told

by Guy Maudlin

What elements make up the perfect class? Almost everyone has an opinion.

Many theories have been made about motivating students to improve study habits. Susan Holt, sophomore, said, "Part of the problem could be solved if students could pick the hours they want their classes." Teachers should "make the work more exciting," she added. Chris Vaughn, sophomore, said classes need better discipline.

Some teachers said the ultimate class rested on students' attitudes. Mr. Tom Sanidas said "good student involvement" and the "desire to learn" are the ingredients that make the best class. "Respect and a sense of humor" and "self-motiva-

tion" are important factors in Mrs. Judy Krieger's classes. On the other hand, some students felt the atmosphere of the class is determined by the teacher. A "good teacher with a sense of humor that's not too strict," was freshman Jeff Smenyak's ideal.

The relationship between students and teacher was stressed by Mrs. Mary Ella Barber. Jennifer Young, junior, shared that opinion, declaring, "I think there should be class cooperation" and "a good relationship between the teacher and the students."

Along the same line, John Lowery, senior, commented, "You need a good teacher, need students who are willing to work and have the ability to do the work the

class requires."

The proper environment has much to do with students' study habits. Mr. John DeCoster said a classroom needs rules and regulations for an environment conducive to learning. Sophomore Scott Brasher said, "... respect for each other and what is going on in the class" are important.



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Traci Weber  
Tracy Weiss  
Lorraine Welch

Lori Wendrickx  
Scott Wentz  
Rhonda Wesley  
Kim West  
Marikay Westmoreland  
Jim Wheeler  
Rick Wherry  
Billie Jo White

## Concerned PHS students open SADD chapter

by Melissa J. Broyhill

Students Against Driving Drunk is an organization that attempts to cut down on many drunk driving accidents and deaths.

In 1985, PHS started a SADD chapter. Miss Heidi Westerman, sponsor, told how the chapter got started: "Dan Chustak, senior, representative and background worker of SADD, got interested while in Student Council. To start the SADD group they needed a sponsor and that is how I got involved in SADD. SADD is a state wide organization in Indiana."

At the first SADD meeting Chustak was expecting about 20 people to show up; instead 80 turned out. "With that big group we broke into four smaller groups or committees. The first group, Constitution, planned the ground rules and worked out the plans for the contract. The other three groups were Fund Raising, Advertising and Programming." To join SADD all a person had to do was to come

to meetings. Later on he would be asked to sign a contract along with his guardian(s).

The contract stated that if a student was intoxicated that he could call home any time night or day and the guardian(s) would pick him up, no questions asked. The next day both parties would discuss the situation rationally. The contract also stated that if the adult was out and had a little too much to drink that he would also call someone for a ride home. "The only thing is that some parents are taking it that we are condoning drinking. In this program we are neither condoning nor condemning drinking!" Miss Westerman said.

Most students felt SADD was a good idea. "I'm kind of neutral on the subject. I don't think it's a good idea for one reason: the kids will take it for granted that their parents are letting them go ahead and get drunk, and they'll do it because they know they'd get home safe without being chewed out for it right at that moment. On

the other hand, I do think that it's a good idea because if the kid does get drunk, the parent will come and get them and that the person won't be out on the roads, possibly endangering someone else's life or their own," freshman Kathy Dash said.

"I think SADD is very good," Kelly O'Dell, junior, said. "I'd say 50 per cent if not more of the students at PHS get drunk and cannot handle the situation very well at times. This way they don't have to worry about their parents and being in trouble that night."

"It's good that the school is starting a program like this. SADD can save a lot of lives, even some out of PHS possibly!" said Anh Tran, freshman.

"I think it's a pretty good thing to start. It will cut down on accidents and deaths that come from drunk driving," freshman Kevin Powrozek explained.

"The contract is a GREAT idea! I hope it influences teens as well as adults to stop driving while drunk," freshman Chris Bush said.

# Sophomores

Todd White  
Was Whitten  
Tracy Whorton  
Tam Widener  
Wes Wild  
Pamela Wilder  
C.T. Williams  
Chris Williams



Debbi Williams  
Jeff Williams  
Tina Williams  
Jeannie Wilson  
Tina Wilson  
Bob Wiltsie  
Janeen Winders  
Jeff Winegar



Suzie Wisnaski  
Skip Woldt  
Mike Wologo  
Jeff Wood  
Jim Wozniak  
Keith Wright  
Shawn Yaros  
Stacy Yaros



Trecy Yaros  
Shawn Yates  
Diana York  
Mike Younger  
Mickey Zaragoza  
Jamie Zehner  
Chris Zottneck  
Ron Zromkoski



## Scheduling poses problems

by Rachel Junkin

As the sophomores made out their schedules they had to keep many considerations in mind.

All sorts of electives were available to them, everything from jewelry to diesel mechanics to advanced chemistry. Two years of PE were required for graduation. One year of math and science and two of social studies, along with a semester of speech and 3-½ years of English also had to be fit into the schedule. Usually sophomores did not worry about graduation requirements, but their counselors were quick to point out that 37 credits and at least two majors and two minors had to be achieved.

Sophomore Willy Breunig chose classes

that would help him in electronics. He said that there were plenty of classes at PHS for students to choose from. He added that the graduation requirements were fair because they "made students study harder."

Making a schedule involved tough decisions for sophomore Mike Cox. He said that his counselor helped him. He decided to take math and computer classes so he could go into technical engineering.

Scheduling was a chore for many students, but it did make them consider their future. Students had a chance to experiment with different career choices while still in high school.



As did most of Mr. Walt Alexander's students, here sophomore Mike Younger types his 1985-86 class schedule in the computer.

## Students comment on CTBS

by Dujon Kremke

The Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) are achievement tests that measure the progress a student makes through school. All freshmen took these tests in September. The CTBS contained Math, English and Science sections.

Students' views of the CTBS varied greatly. Many students said that the test didn't show their true knowledge. Cathy Huey, freshman, said most students got nervous about the tests and messed them up.

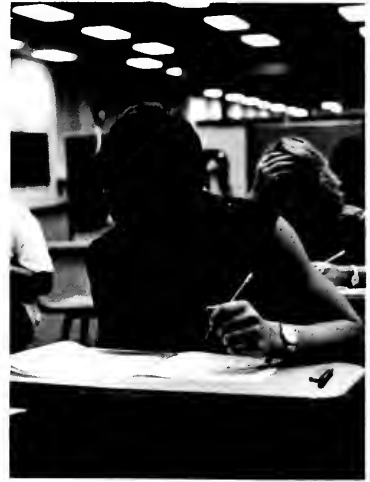
Many students didn't see any use for the achievement tests. "The tests were totally useless, but they did get you out of your classes," Phil Moore, freshman, commented.

Scott Hoesman, freshman, agreed they were a waste of time. Freshman Tommy Shurman felt it was a review. "You already knew most of it and what you don't know already, you won't remember."

Some said the tests will help now or later. Teachers felt these were somewhat necessary to show them and the students where they were. Mr. Robert Mullen, counselor, said the CTBS were useful because they showed weak areas.

Some people said that it is just the way the students felt on the day of the test that determines how they did.

In September all freshmen were required to take CTBS tests. Doug Draia freshman is working on one of the sections on the test.



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Martin Adler  
David Alaniz  
Gary Alcorn  
Richard Alderson  
Brian Alexander  
Stacey Alexander  
Bill Allison  
Becky Allison

Kelli Anderson  
Christie Artis  
Robert Ashford  
Larry Aukel  
Stacy Autry  
Ky Bedgley  
Mike Baker  
Tina Baker

Richard Bakewell  
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Laurie Baldwin  
Stacy Ball  
Christy Banaski  
Jon Barnes  
David Barnett  
Brian Baros

Ramon Bazaldua  
Connie Beaudry  
Ruth Beaudry  
Audre Bedwell  
Chrissy Bell  
Dwayne Bellar  
Brian Belt  
Tim Beltz

Chris Benec  
Jason Beres  
Dara Berger  
Lora Berquist  
Marty Bertucci  
Christine Billings  
Tina Blachly  
Larry Blake

Clara Blakely  
Jerry Blanchard  
Tom Blankenship  
Teresa Blatz  
Virginia Blevins  
Toni Bogdan  
Chris Boland  
Rich Bonick



# Freshmen

Trisha Bono  
Jim Borden  
Greg Boswell  
Debbie Bosman  
Wendy Bragg  
Angie Brasser  
Annemarie Breunig  
Robert Briese



Tiffany Brindza  
Kim Britton  
Rich Brockway  
Gayle Broda  
Andy Brown  
David Brown  
Karen Brown  
Laura Brown



Melissa Broyhill  
Traci Brubaker  
Jerry Bryan  
Kit Bryan  
Shannon Buckner  
Dale Burchell  
Eric Burdette  
Jennifer Burk



Tammy Burton  
Chris Bush  
Pam Butler  
Andy Butvin  
Wayne Byarlay  
Jeff Byerman  
Keith Byers  
Christina Cambeses



Edwin Camp  
Jeff Campbell  
Rich Canamar  
David Cannon  
Mark Canter  
Lisa Capps  
Herry Carr  
Mike Carrier



Mike Castaldi  
Jennifer Casteel  
Amber Castleman  
Derek Cathcart  
Vickie Caywood  
Lana Cerutti  
Darrell Chandler  
Denise Charlson



Lisa Chase  
Tracy Chase  
Jack Chatt  
John Chessor  
Angela Choucas  
Allen Cieslaski  
Gina Cieslak  
Dan Cirullo



Sharri Claxton  
Marc Cleveland  
Kim Coates  
Charity Cole  
Matt Coley  
Debbie Colvin  
Bobby Conger  
Mark Conners



James Copley  
Maran Coros  
Tim Costello  
Greg Coules  
Michelle Cowser  
Mike Cox  
Tammy Cox  
Diane Crance



Dave Crawford  
Larry Creach  
Daryl Criswell  
Joe Croell  
Ray Crowley  
Tammy Crownover  
Dale Cruise  
Noel Cullen



# Freshmen



Melody Culp  
Mark Cutrel  
Tricia Czazasty  
Denise Czechanski  
Liza Daich  
Debi Daniels  
Kathy Dash  
Kristy Davenport

Jim Davenport  
Jerry Davison  
Lance Dawson  
Jennifer Dean  
Mitch DeGaetano  
David DeRose  
Tom Dewesse  
Tammy Diaz

Tina Diaz  
Dominee DiCesare  
Larry Dickerson  
Mike Dickey  
Julie Dillman  
Stephanie Dillon  
Karri Dixon  
Carrie Djurich

Nicky Dodson  
Charles Doepping  
Doug Drasia  
Karen Dravet  
Jennifer Dreggors  
Lori Drummond  
Kimberly Durnis  
Brian Duncan

Scott Duncan  
Tina Dusendang  
Mike Duwall  
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Kelly Elkins  
Chris Escobedo  
Toni Essary

Ken Etchison  
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Kathy Flach  
David Foremski  
Rikk Fortini  
Julie Foster  
Tammy Fowler  
Tim Fowler  
Rich Fox

Catherine Fraley  
Julie Freeman  
Rodney Fultz  
John Furlong  
Carru Gagna  
Kim Gajdik  
Jon Gal  
Aaron Gallardo

David Gardner  
Terry Garren  
Tim Garzella  
Kelvin Gayheart  
Steve Gearhart  
Peggy Geruska  
Dewayne Gibson  
Glossie Gilbert



# Freshmen

Kevin Gilmore  
Jim Glenn  
Ben Gobin  
Karen Godby  
Lorna Godby  
Steve Godby  
Michelle Golden  
Louie Gordon



Cassie Gouger  
Sam Goulden  
Steffanie Graveline  
Cindy Graves  
Matt Gray  
Mike Gray  
Shawn Green  
Todd Gregory



Heidi Grenchik  
Jamie Griffey  
Dawn Griffith  
Greg Griffith  
Crystal Grishka  
Tom Gross  
Michele Groves  
Jennifer Guernsey



Scott Hagan  
Lonnice Hale  
Mike Hall  
Kerry Hallett  
Dave Hallman  
Trina Ham  
Tracy Hamilton  
Judy Hancock



Ron Hans  
Ron Hardin  
Tracy Harrington  
Jimi Harris  
Brian Harth  
Jenny Hartry  
Heather Harwood  
Kim Harwood



Carol Haskell  
Melissa Hatfield  
Karen Havlin  
Wendell Hays  
Rhonda Haywood  
Sheila Haywood  
Scott Head  
Ron Headley



Eric Heimberg  
Amber Haimis  
Erin Helge  
Tina Helmecey  
Ron Henderson  
Joni Henry  
Manuel Hernandez  
Stacy Herren



Jeff Hess  
Niki Hess  
Brent Hewitt  
Kerry Hickman  
Garry Higgins  
Matt Hill  
Renee Hill  
Steve Hill



Jason Himo  
Mick Hines  
Bob Hinkle  
Edie Hinkle  
Chris Hodaden  
Scott Hoesman  
Mark Holm  
Cathy Holt



Kurt Hoopingarner  
Shawn Hoover  
Gene Hopkins  
Karen Hopkins  
Kelly Hopkins  
Sandy Hows  
Dave Howell  
Leanne Hoyt



## Exams get in the final word

by Dujon Kremke

Help me, help me was one of the things freshmen were saying at the end of the first semester. Finals, dreaded as they were, still had to be taken.

The class of '88 faced high school type finals this year for the first time. Many students felt they were necessary, to show how much they had learned during the first semester. However, Dan Junkin, freshman, commented, "They aren't really necessary, because if you fail the test, it means you really didn't listen during the year."

Many also felt it was useless to learn all of that again to take a test. "They're asking you the same things you have been asked for years." Cathy Huey, freshman, com-



mented. Some students prepared for the tests weeks before, while others prepared that night. Some students don't even prepare at all. "I only prepared for the finals 30 minutes the night before." Cathy Huey commented. Dan also commented, "If it changes your grade immensely, you must

have studied all night and not that much during the semester."

**Eric Lindfeldt**, freshman, takes his first exam in his Industrial Arts Class.



Mike Hudgins  
Cathy Huey  
Jennifer Hufford  
Scott Hufford  
Janice Hughes  
Lisa Hughes  
Paul Huisinga  
Bobby Hull

Eric Hull  
Marsha Hurst  
Bill Husk  
Elene Iatarola  
Lisa Igras  
Jim Jablonski  
Joyce Jackomis  
Randy Jackson

Rob Jacobson  
Susanne Jaeger  
Steve Jahoda  
Lianne Jakich  
Mike Janiga  
Jeff Jarosak  
Aaron Jarvis  
Annette Jennings

Dawn Johns  
Heather Johnson  
Jeff Johnson  
Jennifer Johnson  
Dustin Jolly  
Tim Jones  
Brian Jose

Marie Joseph  
Sandee Joseph  
Dee Dee Jump  
Daniel Junkin  
Michell Kado  
Mitch Kado  
Dave Kalina  
Jeff Kammerer

Carrie Karabin  
Zoltan Karacsony  
Kevin Katona  
Troy Keen  
Mark Kenney  
Ruth Kerezman  
Tricia Kerns  
Sharon Kincaid

# Freshmen

Jasmina Kincheloe  
Kris Kirgan  
Terri Kirk  
Craig Kitchen  
Kasi Kitchen  
Melissa Klimaszewski  
Kim Kludt  
Michelle Klym



Ray Kniola  
Natalie Konarski  
Karen Korenich  
Jackie Kovack  
Renee Krasek  
Jennifer Kretz  
Marjorie Krause  
Chuck Krostag



Karen Krupa  
David Kubiak  
Kevin Kulakowski  
Tom Kulavik  
Brian Kyle  
Brian LaFrance  
Jerry Laingren  
Mario LaMantis



Fred Langston  
Caryn Lavender  
Laura Lazear  
Chris Leslie  
Amy Lewanda  
Allen Lewis  
Dawn Lewis  
Kim Lewis



Lisa Lewis  
Rich Lewis  
Kelly Liles  
Marie Lilja  
Chrissy Lilly  
Eric Lindfeldt  
JASON Lindquist  
Mary Ling



Sirena Lockwood  
John Lomax  
Mike Long  
David Lopez  
Jennifer Lorenz  
Debbie Loving  
Lucy Lucas  
Roy Lucas



Autumn Luckey  
Lori Lukovic  
Mary Lute  
Scott Macleod  
Rich Macys  
John Magana  
Mike Major  
Dan Malarik



Sharon Malis  
Melonie Malone  
Matt Manoski  
Jamie Maples  
Mike Marsh  
Joe Marshall  
Mike Martinez  
Tracy Mason



Sarah Matusiak  
Anne Matuz  
Chris Mayernik  
Chris McCarty  
Roberta McCausland  
Cindy McCormack  
Dana McCoy  
Pat McDonald



Rich McGuire  
Missy McGurren  
Chuck McIntire  
Cary McKay  
Michel McNeish  
Jennifer Madley  
Mike Medlin  
Kathy Mendez



# Freshmen



John Mendoza  
Beth Menear  
Virginia Merry  
Kathy Michael  
Andy Middleton  
Roman Miestowski  
John Migoeki  
Laurie Mikita

Ted Miley  
Chris Miller  
Craig Miller  
Leigh Miller  
Steve Miller  
Bruce Minder  
Glorie Minder  
Dena Mitchell

Greg Mitchell  
Michelle Mitchell  
Kim Mongarez  
Jeanine Monnier  
Amy Monroe  
Lou Lou Mooer  
Angie Moore  
Philip Moore

Kara Morin  
Dave Morris  
Amy Motley  
David Mowbray  
Kathy Moye  
Gine Muffoletto  
John Mula  
Dina Mullen

Kevin Myers  
Kristy Nabhan  
Patty Nairn  
Heather Nally  
Tammy Neubaum  
Dan Newsome  
Emily Nordmann  
Candice Nordyke

Chuck Nordyke  
Kim Novak  
Richard Nowakowski  
Dave Oldham  
Tom Olivarez  
Kelly O'Malley  
Kelly O'Neal  
Bobby Origel

Pete Orris  
Michelle Ortiz  
Brian Oster  
Kenny Ostrander

Lorre Ouderkerk  
Jennifer Padlo  
Steve Palko  
Mike Parish

Janny Parkinson  
John Parks  
Kevin Parsons  
Jennifer Petellis

Lisa Petterson  
Joe Paul

**Tammy Diaz**, freshman, studies for another class in her study time. Increased graduation requirements prompted more students to cut a study hall from their schedules.

# Freshmen

Larry Pavic  
Viki Pavlakovic  
Barry Pennington  
Xavier Perez  
Todd Peters  
Ben Petwetta  
Lora Pewerselle  
Phil Pezan



Jeff Phillips  
Trasa Phillips  
David Pieroni  
Thomas Piner  
Kelly Pinter  
Ed Pitrowaki  
Bill Puntti  
Dave Plinovich



Brian Poe  
Kelly Pofahl  
Bobbie Ponda  
Gerry Poole  
Julie Popp  
Kevin Powrozak  
Peter Pradzic  
Eddie Price



Ike Prieto  
Tom Prosser  
Pattie Redovich  
Patti Ramey  
David Ramee  
Lisa Reacio  
Christine Reese  
Francheska Remm



Scott Retherford  
Hector Reyes  
Traci Reynolds  
Jeff Rhody  
Paula Richmond  
Doug Ried  
Angela Rittthaler  
Jenny Rivas



Rita Rivera  
Helen Risley  
Brian Robbins  
Kim Robbins  
Steve Roberts  
Tammy Rockman  
Anita Roe  
Jerry Rogers



Jon Rogers  
Tom Rogers  
Ron Rohaley  
Bob Romanov  
Cinda Rondinelli  
Dawn Roque  
Erther Rosales  
Manny Rosales



Susan Rose  
Vickie Rose  
Krisaan Ross  
Ranee Roy  
Barb Ruch  
Karl Rushing  
Bobby Russel  
Bey Sable



Doug Sadler  
Amis Sales  
Petry Salyers  
Fernando Samano  
John Samardak  
Bill Sanders  
Ed Sanders  
Randy Sanders



Toni Santucci  
Tracy Sarich  
Keith Shapiro  
Mark Schmigel  
Jenn Schmitt  
Mike Schuler  
Diana Scott  
Heather Sedan





# Freshmen



Susan Seifrig  
Jenny Sexton  
Joseph Shoy  
Scott Shears  
Kim Shepherd  
Becky Shifflett  
Jim Shirvinski  
Dianna Short

Mike Shultz  
Tom Shurman  
Terry Shultz  
Allen Siler  
Beth Simola  
Tracy Sims  
Julie Singh  
John Skolak

Janice Slavey  
Debbie Sloan  
Jeff Smenyak  
Aaron Smith  
Eddie Smith  
Jay Smith  
Jim Smith  
Jeff Smith

Rich Smith  
Summer Smith  
Tracy J. Smith  
Tracy R. Smith  
Vernon Smith  
Michelle Smock  
Becky Smothers  
Dennis Snowdy

Shellie Sobczak  
Sara Solomon  
Beth Solits  
Kenny Someson  
Lisa Soucy  
Sue Sparks  
Shirley Spiller  
Donald Spradlin

Connie Springman  
Kerry Springman  
Sherry Springman  
Bonnie Stanley  
Leurie Stanley  
Bruce Starr  
Carrie Statum  
Bob Steele

Glenda Stewart  
Rox St. Myers  
Ginger Stone  
Erin Strain  
Pat Strickland  
Kim Strom  
Debbie Strong  
Scott Stuteville

Thomas Suggs  
Chris Sulcer  
Dorie Sulich  
Tina Sulich  
Ed Sullivan  
Susan Sullivan  
Andy Sultzer  
Jim Sutton

Tina Swab  
Brian Swan  
Kerri Swerdson  
Kathy Swats  
Valde Swigon  
Timothy Syperak  
Cathy Szailek  
Kristi Szymanski

Dean Tavernier  
Aaron Taylor  
Angie Tenorio  
Chris Terry  
Mike Terwilliger  
Lisa Thackerson  
Derick Thielbar  
Eric Thomas

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Mike Thomas  
Brian Thompson  
Jim Thompson  
Kim Thompson  
Randy Thompson  
Cristie Thorn  
Shannon Timmons  
Linda Tipton



Mark Tom  
John Torrey  
Penny Tracy  
Anh Tran  
Eric Trethen  
Patrick Trembly  
Tammy Trembly  
Mary Tressler



Amanda Trooper  
Chuck Troup  
John Troutner  
Michelle Tucker  
Tracy Tucker  
Todd Tuthill  
Denny Urchick  
Donna Utley



Valerie Vaclavik  
Kelli Valetich  
Raquel Vargas  
Brian Vaughan  
Debbie Vaughn  
Teri Veatch  
Jaime Vales  
Annie Ventrella



Mike Verboon  
Julie Vernon  
Marissela Villanueva  
Amy Voye  
Mike Wagner  
Lori Wahlman  
Renee Walbright  
Judy Walker



Ann Walton  
Bunkie Ward  
Toni Watkins  
Jerry Watson  
David Wayne  
Jim Webb  
Mike Webb  
Marsha Webber



Dave Weeks  
Dennis Weeks  
Melissa Welther  
Victoria West  
Larry Westmoreland  
Edna Wherry  
Cheri White  
Danielle White



Mike Whiteman  
Ronda Wilding  
Chris Williams  
Donna Williamson  
Cindy Wilson  
Dawn L. Wilson  
Dawn M. Wilson  
Debbie Wilson



Lori Wilson  
Kirt Witham  
Tammie Witten  
Jim Wood  
Lee Wood  
Tami Wood  
Jowanna Woodard  
Debbie Wright



Robert Wright  
Shannon Yates  
David Yokahae  
Kevin Zabinski  
Sheri Zajack  
Brian Zalencik  
Debbie Zielenki





# Teachers: friends or enemies?

by Jen Sexton

There are probably as many different opinions about teachers as there are teenagers in high school. Teachers are more like friends than enemies, but most students had a hard time dealing with this concept.

Sandy Howe, freshman, said, "Some are okay. I didn't like too many."

Teachers are like parents away from home. They kept students in line and tried to help them when students had problems whether they were about school or not. It

just depended on who would listen.

Doug Sadler, freshman, said, "Teachers are okay. I hate all the homework, though."

Dawn Griffith, freshman, agreed with Doug and pointed out some of things teachers liked to remind the freshmen about. Many students wished they had a nickel every time they heard the words "college" and "responsibilities".

Larry Pavic, freshman, said, "I guess most of the teachers are okay."

Lucy Lucas, freshman, said, "Teachers — well, most are okay. I would probably

pick a few different teachers if I had my choice."

Christy Banaski, freshman, said, "I could get along without some of them."

Students were constantly reminding themselves that teachers are human, too. It seemed that the word "okay" really did sum up how most students felt about teachers at Portage High School. As a person's high school years went by, it seemed that maybe teachers weren't so bad after all.



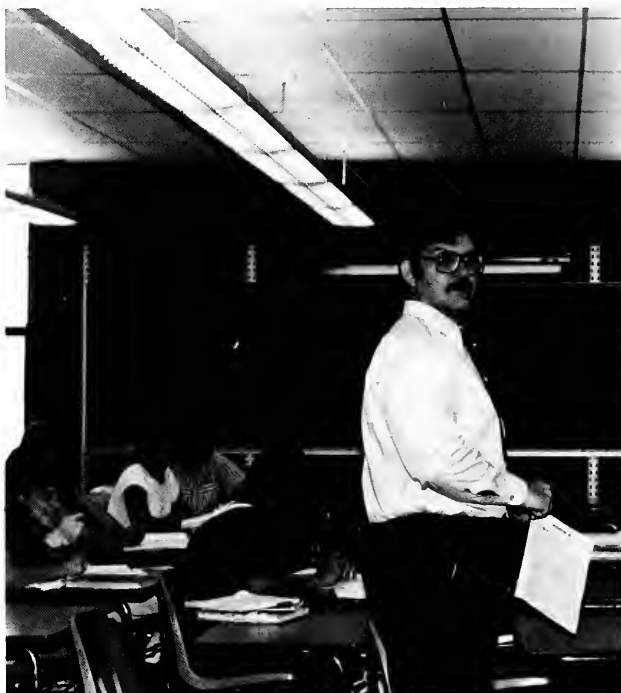
## In Memoriam

Janene Knight, 16, a junior here at PHS, was killed Nov. 20 in a plane crash near Valparaiso. Janene was on the gymnastics team and was a gymnastics coach at the Portage YMCA.



## In Memoriam

Mr. Robert Gray, industrial arts teacher, passed away Friday, Apr. 19 of a heart attack. Mr. Gray served as a teacher at PHS for 19 years. In 1982 he was Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year, and he developed the power mechanics program at PHS.



**Fielder**  
Mr. David Masty in one of his French I classes goes over one of many chapter tests in French.

**While in their PE class,** four girls wait patiently for the the rest of their classmates to finish their test.



# Directors

Because of a blizzard, Mr. Forrest Rhode was constantly on the phone talking to highway officials to see if it was safe for students to leave the school.

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## Students ponder if teachers are really human

by Kelli Beattie

**T**eachers are people, too. They have feelings just like us, but they just have to portray it in a different method," said senior Robyn Saurborn.

Most students agreed that teachers are human. "They're made of flesh and blood just like everyone else," senior Tim Glancy commented.

However, not all students treated teachers as people. Robyn said, "Some do and some don't. It's right in the middle."

"If (teachers) pile on the homework, students think they're out to hurt us, but they are there to help us learn," Tim said.

Many teachers have found students to be surprised to see them outside of school. Mr. Robert Wilson, math teacher, commented, "Most kids seem to think of teachers as teachers — you meet them in

a restaurant or a mall and they always seem a little surprised."

Mrs. Linda Hicks, speech teacher, amazed a student by appearing outside school. She went on a motorcycle ride to the local 7-11 store. Mrs. Hicks was wearing a t-shirt and jeans, and her hair was braided. She met a student from her class. "The expression on his face was utter disbelief," Mrs. Hicks said.

Mentioning another communication problem, Mrs. Hicks said, "I think on occasion (students) forget we can have bad days, too. They forget things can go wrong in our lives." However, she added, "I think that's rare."

Some teachers valued seeing students outside of school. Mrs. Arlene Neill, English teacher, said, "I know a lot of kids and

a lot of kids know me simply from my own children." One of the reasons she enjoyed living in the school system area was running into students outside of school.

Students said teachers were human, but they were not at a loss for suggestions. Chuck said teachers should "not be as strict. A lot of them have rules on talking. They could loosen up on some of the rules."

"Be more humorous," was Tim's advice to teachers.

Despite problems in student-teacher relationships, most students agreed that teachers were entitled to human errors. Sophomore Amy Isaac said teachers are human beings "because they have a life besides in school. They have a family. Teaching is just an occupation."

# Faculty

**Miss Bernita Adkins:** PE, Health Coordinator.

**Mrs. Bonnie Albert:** Mathematics.

**Mr. John Alexander:** English.

**Mr. Walter Alexander:** Guidance.

**Mr. Don Alkire:** Guidance

Coordinator.

**Mr. John Allen:** Mathematics.

**Mr. Arol Amling:** Health.

**Miss Ruth Aydelotte:** PE.

**Mrs. Mary Ella Barber:** English.

**Mr. Robert Beigh:** Industrial Arts.

**Mr. Ken Berquist:** Industrial Arts.

**Mr. William Bodnar:** Drama,

Speech.

**Mr. Dennis Bond:** Social Studies.

**Mr. Richard Brown:** Science.

**Mr. Ronald Buls:** Social Studies.

**Mrs. Carolyn Doane:** English.

**Mr. James Doane:** Science.

**Mr. James Douglas:** Social Studies.

**Mrs. Lynnette Duhamell:** Media Specialist.

**Mrs. Joann Eldred:** Guidance.

**Miss Chris Elibasich:** Social Studies.

**Mr. Dale Fadely:** Science.

**Miss Linda Ficken:** PE.

**Mr. Hilary Fish:** Science.

**Mrs. Anne Frost:** Mathematics.

**Mr. Robert Gray:** Industrial Arts.

**Mr. Jim Green:** Industrial Arts.

**Mr. Ray Grivetti:** Orchestra.

**Mr. Marvin Guernsey:** Science.

**Mr. Jim Guzikowski:** Social Worker.

**Mr. Andrew Halaschak:** Business.

**Mr. Gilbert Hamilton:** Business.

**Mr. Ronald Hancock:** Social

Studies, Cadet Teaching.

**Mrs. Ruth Harbrecht:** Foreign

Language.

**Mr. Tom Hardebeck:** Industrial

Arts.

**Mrs. Debra Heitmann:**

Journalism, Publications.

**Mrs. Linda Hicks:** Speech.

**Mr. E. A. Hunsberger:** Science.

**Mr. Robert Kerns:** Mathematics.

**Mr. James Killion:** English,

Drama.

**Mrs. Donna Kimball:** Business.

**Mr. Greg Kirby:** Business.



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Mr. Joe Koss: Art.  
Miss Gerri Kotyuk: English.  
Miss Kathy Kotyuk: English.  
Mrs. Julia Kovalow: English.  
Mrs. Arlene Kramer: Media Specialist.  
Mrs. Judy Krieger: Home Economics.

Miss Annette Kulmatycki: Art  
Mrs. Dorothy Kurtz: English.  
Mr. Neil Lane: Economics.  
Mr. Thomas Lauerman: Guidance.  
Mr. Michael Lemond: Social Studies.  
Mrs. Donna Lenburg: Business.

Mr. Thomas Levandoski: PE.  
Mrs. Shirley Lindquist: Business.  
Mr. Henry Looft: Science.  
Mrs. Jane Lowenstine: Art.  
Mrs. Barbara Mason: English.  
Mr. David Masty: Foreign Language.

Miss Mae Mathews: Business.  
Mr. Jim McCabe: Computer Education.  
Mrs. Sue McPherson: Foreign Language.  
Mr. Tom McPherson: Industrial Arts.  
Miss Phyllis McVicker: PE.  
Mrs. Jania Meyne: Mathematics.

Mrs. Jill Milteer: Business.  
Mr. Tom Milteer: PE.  
Mrs. Agripina Monsivais: Foreign Language.  
Mrs. Lisa Moser: PreVocational Education.  
Mrs. Mary Jane Mrak: Business.  
Mr. Elwood Mull: Mathematics.

Mr. Robert Mullen: Guidance.  
Mr. Ralph Mundt: PE, Social Studies.  
Mr. Terry Murphy: Business.  
Mr. Gregg Neel: PVE Job Coordinator.  
Mrs. Arlene Neill: English.  
Mr. Dennis Norman: English.

Mrs. Sherry Ohlfest: English.  
Mrs. Lori Pavell: Business.  
Mr. Michael Pavell: Band.  
Mrs. Linda Peda: Foreign Language.  
Mrs. Sharron Rose: Home Economics, Guidance.  
Mrs. Jan Rubush: Head Nurse.

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Teaching her third hour Algebra class, Mrs. Anne Frost explains the method of factoring.



Mr. Jim Samuel: Mathematics.  
Mrs. June Schmett: PE, Pool  
Director.  
Mr. Bill Schott: Foreign  
Language.  
Mr. Martin Sensenbaugh: Band.  
Mr. Richard Shearer: Art.  
Mr. Raymond Sifrig: Business.

Mr. Robert Smith: English,  
Health.  
Mrs. Martha Sommers: Home  
Economics.  
Mrs. Mary Sparacino:  
Mathematics.  
Miss Shirley Spielman: English.  
Mr. Joe Stevens: English,  
Auditorium Director.  
Mrs. Patricia Strawbridge:  
Science.

Mr. Robert Symer: Band.  
Mrs. Joanne Taylor: Choir.  
Mrs. Millie Taylor: Social Studies.  
Mr. Tom Taylor: PE.  
Mr. Charles Tomes: Mathematics.  
Mrs. Gail Trobaugh:  
PreVocational Education.

Mr. Martin Troglio: Vocational  
Printing.  
Mr. Pete Turpa: Social Studies.  
Mrs. Renee Turpa: PreVocational  
Education.  
Mrs. Robyn Ward: Mathematics,  
Science.  
Mr. Henry Wegrzyn: Social  
Studies.  
Miss Heidi Westerman: Social  
Studies.

Mr. Edwin Wiens: Science.  
Mrs. Paula Wiese: Art, PE.  
Mr. Robert Wilson: Mathematics.  
Mr. Yan Wolfman: Science.  
Miss Sandra Zeller: Foreign  
Language.





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**EAST COOKS** — **Front Row:** Kathy Kobiaka, Edith Chavez, Pat Bonvissuto, Theresa Meier, Loretta Kammerer. **Row 2:** Martha Reich, Julie Bumbales, Bev Williams, Marsha Stephens, Joy Rohde, Diana Major, Myra Dixon, Velma Lewis. **Back Row:** Linda Showalterbaugh, Wanda Fitzgerald, Dorothy Peterson, Phyllis McDonald, Judy Havilla.

**WEST COOKS** — **Front Row:** Sonia Vitaniemi, Eunice Kmotek, Toshi Jarvis, Ruth Johnson. **Back Row:** Lorene Contreras, Pat Kosky, Kathy Weitknecht, Mary Bozman.

**WEST JANITORS** — **Front Row:** Dale Tipton, Tim Bey, Judy Wilson. **Row 2:** Mike Butala, Darlene Cavinder, Carol Goodman. **Back Row:** Mike Tanner, Jeff Cook, Helen Draia, Kathy Drummond.



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## Modules cause confusion

by Scott Baker

**W**hen the first bell rang to call students from summer vacation, it seemed as if summer had just started. Another school year had begun.

Many students enjoyed talking with friends to see which classes they had together, and to share their experiences of the summer. Students "had it easy" for the first couple of days; meanwhile it was chaos for teachers and the administration. Mrs. Sharron Rose summed the first few days up as being "hectic". She was both a teacher and a guidance counselor. "I have to deal with schedules at West as well as teaching," she explained.

Teachers had their class lists in front of them, hurriedly trying to memorize names

by putting students into alphabetical order. "Meeting new faces is never boring," said math teacher Mr. Elwood Mull, "and I look forward to getting the first couple of weeks out of the way."

Mrs. Carolyn Doane, English teacher, said, "It's the anticipation of seeing new students and old friends that characterizes the opening of school."

A lot of teachers look forward to coming back year after year. Mrs. Anne Frost, math teacher, said, "I look forward to coming back, but I wish school didn't start until after Labor Day."

One thing that added to the confusion of the beginning of school was the new module system. The school day was divided into 10 sections instead of the regular eight hours.



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**Starting the new semester,** Mrs. Mary Jane Mrak passes out new schedules to her homeroom class.

**Sophomore Lydia Nunez** helps cheer on the basketball team at the start of a home game. While the players warmed up, the pom poms helped entertain the crowd.

**Bang, Bang!** Cheerleaders spent many hours after school perfecting routines and performing. Freshman Dawn Kruger and seniors Bill O'Reilly and Mickey Eumming perform a new routine.



They come



They come



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**Senior Felicitas Twickel** demonstrates how to make a pizza the proper way at the annual French Club pizza party. Every year before the foreign language Christmas party, the various clubs get together and baked goodies for the clubs to share.

**Cool in the heat**, sophomore Tom Horvath adjusts his hat during an afternoon band practice. Band members gave up summer days and after school time to perfect their routines.



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## We are Specialized

Arno Fielder

**T**he interests are varied, the choices great.

FHS had 21 clubs and organizations during the 1944-1945 school year. Music to Pop Club, the Ski Club — all were alive and well.

Although Fortage stresses the three R's, clubs played an important part in the school day. Some organizations, such as band, were at the school until 10 p.m. for performances. "Most of the work days off, especially the friends who help you through rough spots. Band has helped me make good friends." Some of the clubs, such as Pop Club, were open to every student, but others were quite exclusive. Membership could be attained only by having a certain grade point average,

speaking a certain language or knowing how to develop Trix film.

"After-school activities help you through the day," senior Scott Bravet said. Agreeing, sophomore Kelly Usher said, "Belonging to a club really helps you feel like part of the school — not just someone who attends classes."

It would seem that the over 200 students in the various clubs and organizations at FHS would agree.

The show must go on. The varied and freshmen choir sang at Southside Mall Dec. 7 for Christmas shoppers. The orchestra was supposed to accompany the choir in the "Hallelujah Chorus," but because of difficulties with the bands, the orchestra did not appear.

# Pep Club, Poms support, entertain PHS style

by Denny Darrow

"Hey!, that guy has a flower on his shirt!" said one girl. "And that girl has one too!" exclaimed a friend, "Where can I get one?" Sorry, these flowers aren't for sale. It's just one of the many ways Pep Club shows support for their school's athletic teams.

Pep Club, consisting of cheerleaders, Pom Pons and other die-hard student fans, could not be chided for lack of support. Posters and signs decorated the commons area every time a team had an important game or meet. Signs like "Pin the Brickies", "Red Dawn '84" and "Beat the Vikes" were frequent indicators of Pep Club support. The club decorated athletes' lockers and houses, TPing until houses were engulfed in white. Sophomore pom member Lynda Shield said, "I think it is important to support the teams. It gives them an inspiration, a drive to keep going." Portage state champion cross country member Eric Colley, senior, said, "The Pep Club and Poms really supported us well this year. Usually in the past, we had some backing, but it couldn't compare to this year."

While the Pep Club gave a boost to athletics, the Pom Pon squad entertained

the crowds as well as supported the teams. Consisting of 20 members for most of the season, as a group, the Poms' year began early.

Their practices began in the spring of the previous year at tryouts. After the tryouts were over and the squad had been determined, most of the members attended a dance camp during the summer. At the camp, they learned new routines and how to create their own. Because it took 3-5 practices to learn a new routine, the members put long hours into perfecting them.

Many of the girls on the squad said they became poms because they liked to dance and to meet new people. Sophomore Sharri Bryan said she tried out for the squad "because it seemed like a lot of fun."

Michelle Clark, senior, said she became a pom because "I thought it would be a good way to show my spirit for the school." The girls on the squad for the most part said they enjoyed the dancing and closeness between members. Tina Cassell, sophomore, said, "I really liked getting to be such good friends with the other girls."

Sophomore Lydia Nunez performs a routine at halftime of a home basketball game. A first-year pom, Lydia said that she "wanted to become a part of the school spirit, and this was one of the ways I wanted to show it."



Performing the "Bee-line" routine is senior Michelle Clark. "Spirit and devotion" are two of the qualities Michelle thinks a Pom Pon should represent.

Traveling downstate with the boys' cross country team was one of the many ways Pep Club supported the various teams. Here they cheer the runners from atop a Portage motor home.

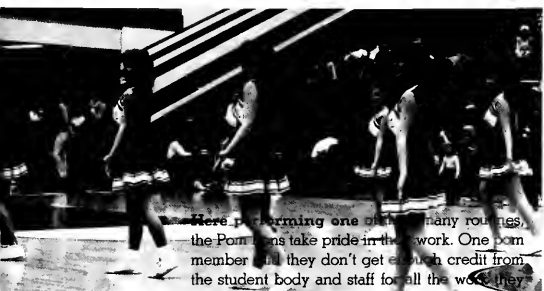


**PEP CLUB — Front Row:** Christy Dujmovich, Terri Scroggin, Stacey Mueller, Lisa Wilkins, Jenelle Monnier, Traci Ingram, Terri Yudi, Lisa Francesconi. **Row 2:** Kym Pritchard, Suzy Messina, April Overturf, Jolene Gilbert, Joy Brown, Tina Cassell, Lynda Shield, Dee Dee Bullard, Tracey McDaniel. **Row 3:** Sharn Bryan, Amy Mackiewicz, Becky

Russell, Debbie Simola, Lisa Eagle, Pam Gucich, Michelle Clark, Deanna Trapp, Kris Levenda. **Back Row:** Pam Wilder, Kristen Gregorczyk, Beth Simola, Leanne Hoyt, Kelli Anderson, Jeanine Monnier, Cindy Roque, Tricia Schmidt, Tammy Duvall.



The "Pep Block" gives the Indians' basketball a rousing cheer of support. A special area on the Portage side of the gym was reserved for Pep Club and other supportive students.



Here performing one of the many routines, the Pom Pons take pride in their work. One pom member said they don't get enough credit from the student body and staff for all the work they put into their routines.

"A pom member should set a good example, not only for herself but for her school and her organization."

Debbie Simola



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**POM PONS** — **Front Row:** Joy Brown, Lisa Eagle, Amy Mackiewicz, Lisa Tomac. **Row 2:** Lynda Shield, April Overturf, Pam Gucich, Anna Miestowski, Lydia Nunez, Traci Ingram. **Back Row:** Mgr. Pete Stahura, Dawn Bell, Alesia Roark, Val Smith, Tina Cassell, Sharri Bryan, Debbie Simola, Michelle Clark, Becky Russell, Suzy Messina, Gwen Handlon, sponsor Mrs. Sharon Koslow.

# Are PHS Cheerleaders Stereotyped?

by Laura Haines

"**T**hey're bubbly, blonde and maybe even a little stupid," was the way one student saw PHS cheerleaders.

"Most people say cheerleaders are dumb and real spaces, and no cheerleader is. We must maintain a 'C' average and must pass at least four solids. Over half the varsity squad is in the top half of their class," senior Christy Dujmovich said, defending her own and her teammates' intelligence. Most cheerleaders were even in an advanced academic program.

Contrary to popular belief, most cheer-

leaders do not join just to show off their legs. "I enjoyed the friendships I've formed, the feeling of belonging to a team and the opportunity to support and represent Portage High School," sophomore Kris Levenda said of her reasons for joining.

Deanna Trapp, sophomore, said some students looked at her differently because she was a cheerleader. "Some people . . . think that cheerleaders are 'snobs,' but maybe if they'd get to know us, they'd find out that we are regular, ordinary high school students doing what we enjoy doing."



**Waiting on the sidelines**, the lifters watch a varsity basketball game. Lifters helped the cheerleaders do more difficult stunts.

**During halftime** and timeouts, the cheerleaders and lifters performed mounts for the crowds.

**Cheerleader mascot**, Deanna Brocksmith, cheers with sophomore Tricia Schmidt. Deanna was suffering from a brain tumor and was the subject of a few charity drives.



**Leading the crowd** in a cheer are seniors Christy Dujmovich and Lisa Wilkins.



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**Senior Jenelle Monnier** is aided by lifters Greg Lasky, junior, and senior Louie Bengero.



**VARSITY CHEERLEADERS AND LIFTERS** — **Front Row:** Steven Dujmovich (Lifter mascot). **Row 2:** Terri Scroggin, Kym Pritchard, Cindy Roque, Jenelle Monnier, Terri Yudit, Lisa Francesconi, Lisa Wilkins, Christy Dujmo-

vich, Stacey Mueller. **Back Row:** Bill O'Reilly, Shaun Bussick, Tony LaMantia, John Thielbar, Ken Nolan, Greg Lasky, Matt Hale, Cliff Pierce, Louie Bengero.



**JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** — **Front Row:** Kris Levenda, Pam Wilder, Tammy Duvall, Deanna Trapp.

**Back Row:** Kristen Gregorczyk, Dee Dee Bullard, Tricia Schmidt, Tracey McDaniel.



**FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS** — **Front Row:** Dawn Roque, Marci Villanueva, Leanne Hoyt. **Back Row:** Debbie

Vaughn, Kim Dumis, Jeanine Monnier, Kerri Swerdon.

"I wanted to be a cheerleader because, being in sports myself, I know what a difference it makes when the crowd is behind you."

Deanna Trapp



**SPANISH CLUB** — **Front Row:** Nannette Perez, Evelyn Ortiz, Kelly Lomax, Janet Winandy, Kelly Dahlgren. **Row 2:** Phyllis Newberry, Dujon Kremke, Susan Mulholland, Sandy Kim, Anh Tran, Chen White, Xavier Perez. **Back Row:** Debbie Stowers, Theresa Paer, Jim Land, Tina Mariani, Kim Mikula, Jennifer Huford, Rachel Fike.

**FRENCH CLUB** — **Front Row:** Melanie Oness, Erik Smith, Danielle Turnak. **Row 2:** Laurel Gaidik, Tina Mathews, Patty Punnea, Amy Isaac, Feli Twickel, Kristy Nabhan, Kelli Anderson, Gina Cieslak, Cathy Sallage, Charlie Nordyke. **Row 3:** Mary Lute, Missy Villanueva, Vicki Rose, Julia Popp, Julie Freeman, Sandy Fisher, Brian Batronis, Mike Gobin, Ron Rehaley, Amy Monroe, Lisa Falls, Madame Sue McPherson. **Back Row:** Angie Potter, Denny Urchuck, Ricky Somers, Annette Jennings, Patti Radovich, Connie Springman, Danielle White, Terri Kirk, Kim Tarrant, Sharon Daniels, Jennifer Johnson. **Not Pictured:** Brian Cotton.



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**GERMAN CLUB** — **Front Row:** Jennifer Young, Cheryl Hutman, Stephanie Dillon, Denise Fisher, Stacy Dillon, Tracy Reynolds, Amy Isaac, Susan Seifing, Pam Butler, Julie Foster, Angie Brasser. **Row 2:** Connie Silkwood, Jeff Rhody, Arpi Grunbaum, Jamie Groves, Feli Twickel, Daniel Junkin, Doug Lovall, Bill Ervory, Jim Thompson. **Back Row:** Denck Thiescar, Scott Petersonford, Jeff Blevins, Todd Fortini, Chns Cleveland, David Williams, Brian McCain, Kenn Gleason, Charles Bridges, Rich Macys.

**LATIN CLUB** — **Front Row:** Mr. Paul Elliott, Rich Jennings, Jube Samardak, Keith Fifield, Shaun Black. **Back Row:** John Samardak, Ken Elwood, Tony Bryan, Matt Smith.



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Foreign exchange student, Feli Twickel, scoops out the rest of her sundae during the German ice cream social. The party was a gathering for the German Club members after school.



# Foreign languages have fun-filled year

by Bob Jones

**Danish** foreign exchange student, Torbin Sorenson, reaches for some cookies during the annual Foreign Language Club Christmas Party. The party was accompanied by Santa, pinatas and various kinds of foods.

**Junior Pat Boland** deals the cards during a poker game while sophomores Tabettha Brindza and Suzanne Migoski look on. The get-together was held at Mrs. Ruth Harbrecht's home as a birthday party for Feli Twickel.



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The foreign language clubs did everything from hall decorating to having the Foreign Language Club Christmas Party.

Approximately 200-250 students attended this party, by invitation only, to eat a huge variety of food and to sing Christmas songs in all four languages offered here. Sophomore Brian Batronis said, "I had a hard time trying to choose what to eat." A few pinatas had students scurrying along the ground looking for candy like little kids at a Fourth of July parade, and Santa visited the party. To receive an invitation, "You need to attend a few meetings and do something for the club," sophomore Pat Huey explained.

Spanish, German and French clubs sold candy bars, Swiss chocolate and the famous Gummy Bears to support their clubs and enable them to go on field trips. German Club went to Chicago, and the French Club took a trip to South Bend to see the play "Le Petit Prince", and to the Art Institute in Chicago.

Candy sales throughout the year brought the most money into the club funds. Gummy Bears, sold by the German Club and Swiss chocolate, sold by the French Club, were the hottest sellers.

During Homecoming Week all four clubs participated in the hall decorations along with many other student organizations. French Club placed second.

All the clubs were involved in many of their own activities after school such as the German Club's ice cream social, the Spanish Club's tostada party and the Latin Club's after-school games with door prizes and scavenger hunt, but the French Club had a few more activities than usual. It had a crepe making party, participation in the Homecoming Parade and something new: working in Woodland Park's Haunted Hayride. French Club President Melanie Oness explained, "This was the first year we participated in the hayride and we were all very happy to. We are going to try for another prize again next year." The French Club received a third place rating with winnings of \$100.



"This year's party was more organized and filled with more fun than last year's."

Erik Smith

Sophomores Pat Huey, Melanie Oness, Donna Combs and Brian Batronis sing with the French Club while the other clubs wait their turn to sing Christmas songs in their language.

**SPEECH AND DEBATE** — Front Row: Mr. Gregg Neel, Jenny Bumbales, Rachel Junkin, Lara Copeland. Back Row: Sonia Nelson, Mrs. Linda Hicks, Danielle Turnak.

Senior Sherry Sortillo and juniors Lisa Romanov and Don Wozniak joke while working at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes chili supper. The supper was held to raise money for sending FCA members to camp.



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**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES OFFICERS** — Front Row: Sherry Sortillo, president, Lisa Romanov, secretary. Back Row: Don Wozniak, treasurer.

**FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY** — Front Row: Kelly Bishop, Charlotte Ahrendt, Becky Russell, Tern Scroggin, Paula Boswell, Lisa Wahlman, Laura Haines, Deanna Gunter. Row 2: Mrs. Sue McPherson, Sonia Nelson, Kristin Kurtz, Lara Copeland, Danielle Turnak, Michelle

Montpetit, Kristin Levenda, Rhonda Davidson, Robert Coulter, Brian Batrons. Back Row: Donna Combs, Kristen Gregorczyk, Lisa Wilkins, Brian Cotton, Laurie Gajdik, Feli Twickel, Mr. David Mastay, Kevin Ring, Sue Walton, David Miller.



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# FCA members work out shared problems

by Rachel Junkin

**A** swimming party at the West pool, a volleyball tournament with Hobart, a car wash to raise money — the Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsored all of these activities and many others. Yet, FCA was not just a social club. Junior Todd Fortini explained that FCA existed "so athletes could share their problems with other people their own age, find solutions and learn about God."

In the meetings, which were held the first and last Wednesday of each month, the athletes split up into groups and talked about anything that bothered them and how they were doing in sports. Often Mr. Alkire, the group sponsor, would choose a topic for discussion. "People that share the same problems can discuss them," said FCA secretary, Lisa Romanov. She

added that FCA related athletics to everyday problems. The FCA members also tried to show their Christian attitudes at school.

Although the group was for athletes, junior Jim Fitch said that what he learned in FCA could be used the rest of his life whether he was involved in athletics or not. "It really doesn't matter if you're an athlete. In everyday life you face the same problems." For example, an athlete might be having problems getting along with his coach. Learning to deal with this problem might help him get along with a future boss. FCA also encouraged members to set goals for themselves such as living for God, following the Bible and being considerate.

Jim said he participated in FCA because he liked the people and "it's a good place and atmosphere to talk." FCA had more members and was more active this year than in previous years. Todd attributed this to word of mouth. People in the organization told their friends about it. They would often join then encourage their friends to do so, also.

**At an FCA pool party** senior Dwayne Hallman bounces on the diving board.

**During the regional speech and debate tournament** junior Duane Erwin and sophomore David Miller sell doughnuts and milk to competitors.



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"French Honor Society is an honor. That's the only reason anyone would be in it. It's a reward for doing well."

Marc Terry



# Junior delegates campaign to 'govern' state

by Tina Mariani

A junior sits in class listening to his teacher lecturing, when a notice comes requesting his presence in the office. Expecting to meet a terrible fate, he hesitantly makes his way down there. Instead of being met by fangs and claws, he is met with a smile and the words, "Congratulations, you have been chosen as one of our delegates . . ."

This was the way the delegates found out they were to represent PHS at Boys' State, Girls' State and World Affairs semi-

nars.

At Terre Haute, the Boys' State and Girls' State delegates learned about Indiana's legislative and executive systems. They organized political parties and campaigned for office. The ultimate office was governor. The students elected governor moved from there to Washington, D.C. where a conference was held for them. The students also "governed" the state. In regard to the activities downstate, Mr. Ronald Buls, social studies teacher, said, "You've got to push yourself."

World Affairs delegates, on the other hand, went to Whitewater, WI, where they met with United Nations delegates and other world leaders. With these experts they discussed world problems and solutions to these problems.

To be eligible for Boys' State, Girls' State and World Affairs, a student had to have at least a "C" average and stand out as a leader in and out of the classroom. The teachers voted for the students basing their decision on character and leadership. Attending the conference was a real honor, Mr. Buls said. "Associating with the top students in Indiana is an experience in itself" and "participating in the government is unique," he added.

If one of the delegates was unable to attend the Seminars, one of the alternates would take his or her place. Buls said that the alternates are to "be proud" because they, too, are highly thought of by the faculty.

Boys' State delegate Marc Terry said, "It's an honor" being chosen as a delegate. He decided to run because he was interested in government. Terry said he hoped to be a better person and learn a lot about people and the government from the conference.



"I hope to learn more about how the government is run."

Amy Heimberg



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**Boys' State Delegates — Front Row:** Pete Stahura, Robert Blaszkiewicz, Matt Matusiak. **Back Row:** Steve Batides, Marc Terry, Jim Campbell.

**Boys' State Alternates — Front Row:** Tony Nygra, Mike Rospierski. **Back Row:** Louie Zimmerman, Tim Schuler, Scott Jones.

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Tim Levenda and Lisa Romanov were the 1984-85 World Affairs delegates. They met with United Nations delegate and discussed foreign affairs.



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**Ski Club** — Front Row: Vicki Petrou, Denise Stowers, Beth Simola, Debbie Simola, Buddy Saddler, Jeff Tremmel, Amy Isaac, Feli Twickel. Row 2: Heidi Grenchik, Theresa Pajor, Debbie Stowers, Kellie Peterson, Linda Tipton, Kelli Anderson, Mike Burns, Roberta Squires, Shelly Alexovich, Steve Cho. Row 3: Jeff Beattie, Mike Hurst, Becky Russell, Kim West, Don Wozniak, Monty Groves, Doug Keleman, Bo Marriott, Tony LaManila. Back Row: Amy Mackiewicz, Matt Wetklow, Louie Keseley, Louis Zimmerman, Marc Dy, Brian Cotton, Joe Hooper, Olsen Seberg, Sean Wilkie, Matt Snuffer.

**Girls' State delegates** — Front Row: Kim Rains, Cindy Roque, Lynette Blackwell, Rachel Junkin. Back Row: Amy Hemberg, Stephanie Ball, GiGi Krusa, Traci Ingram, Sonia Nelson. Not pictured: Kym Pritchard.

# Hall of Fame honors academic excellence

by Rachel Junkin

**A**cademics are the main emphasis of school. Students that excel academically deserve just as much recognition as those that excel in sports.

The senior class started a program to honor these students — the Academic Hall of Fame. "We need to recognize academically superior students," said Mr. John DeCoster, sponsor. A plaque with pictures of those seniors honored was hung in the commons. "We'd like to see this tradition continued," said Mr. DeCoster. He added that it would not necessarily be the senior class to sponsor this project in future years.

To be eligible for the Academic Hall of Fame, seniors had to meet the same requirements as for the Presidential Aca-

demetic Fitness Award. The student had to have a B+ grade point average, score in the 80th percentile or above on the SAT, and by graduation have completed 12 high school units in specified area.

Special scholarships and awards were won by many seniors. Jennifer Bumbales won the Century III award. Tri Kappa scholarships went to Val Ingram, Nicolette Droza and Brian Cotton. Daneta Czazasty received a Rotary Scholarship. The James Benfield memorial was awarded to Bob Greavu.

Valedictorian was Danielle Turnak. She graduated with a GPA of 4.171. Becoming valedictorian required "a combination of intelligence and hard work." Danielle said she has not received any scholarships for being #1. "It looks good on resumes and other applications for higher education," she added.

Lisa Beshears was salutatorian with a GPA of 4.128. Lisa attended Valparaiso after graduation and planned to become an accountant. "I'm glad I went to PHS," said Lisa. "I feel it has one of the best educational programs in the area."

**NHS JUNIORS** — **Front Row:** Steve Batides, Sonia Nelson, Phil Lane, Mike Johnson, Robert Blaszkiewicz, Rachel Junkin, Denise Winders. **Row 2:** Marc Terry, Kim Rains, Cindy Gilbert, Lisa Romanov, Sue Sturges, Ramona Guernsey, Sandy Kim, Linnea Cazallis. **Row 3:** Mark Scobey, Traci Ingram, Laurie Elwood, Tina Ewen, Stephanie Ball, Connie Hill. **Back Row:** Ron Thoreson, Dave Kos, Frank Shrivinski, Amy Heimberg, Dawn Kyle.



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**NHS NEW SENIORS** — **Front Row:** Laura Aitken, Alisa Norman, Michelle Foster, Kellie Peterson, Dawn Kalina, Belinda White, Mark Kincheloe, Debbie Stowers. **Back Row:** Paul Rossman, Sherry Sortillo, Steve Kile, John Sabovnik, Brian L. Erickson, John A. Plunkett, Brenda Sutherland, Terri Scroggin.



all and Scroll banquet Principal Forth helps himself to the food which was ca- Doc' Kerns.

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"I was honored to make Quill & Scroll my sophomore year instead of my junior year."

Denise Kalina



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**NHS OLD SENIORS** — **Front Row:** Shelly Kosak, Lisa Beshears, Daneta Czazasty, Paula Jose, Kristin Kurtz, Lara Copeland, Mickey Dunning, Lori Petronka, Danielle Turnak. **Row 2:** Thoa Tran, Tracy Hubbard, Brenda Gobin, Jenny Bum-

bales, Deanna Markle, Lynn Ann Russo, Nicki Droza, Val Ingram. **Back Row:** Dawn Owczarzak, Kelly Lomax, Pam Hines, Matt Hale, Jeff Veluz, Marc Dy, Viet Tran, Brian Cotton.



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**QUILL AND SCROLL** — Front Row: Lewis Thomasino, Traci Creviston, Amie Fielder, Rachel Junkin. Row 2: Laura Haines, Kelli Beattie, Denise Kalina, Christy Dujmovich, Stephanie Sherry. Back Row: Robert Blaszkiewicz, Matt Hale, Wayne Thornton, Mike Johnson, Duane Keleman.



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**National Honor Society** alphabetized honor roll forms and checked grade averages. Senior Mickey Dunnig arranges the forms during her free time.

**NHS JUNIORS** — Front Row: Duane Erwin, Pete Slahura, Becky Weltzin, Melissa Koney, Windy Bogdan. Row 2: Sharon Bronson, Kelly Bishop, Chris Pepper, Rocky Orenick, Cindy Roque, Ellen Michael. Back Row: Rick Kalina, Louis Zimmerman, Joseph Poirer, Bill Dillin, Brian McCain, Don Smith.

During a Quill and Scroll induction ceremony senior Christy Dujmovich and sophomores Wayne Thornton, Duane Keleman, and Kelli Beattie pledge to live up to the ideals of true journalism. Quill and Scroll is a journalism honor society.



# Memories brought back by alumni reunion

by Denise Kalina

When the word *reunion* is heard, the two most likely occasions that come to mind are family reunion or class reunion. On Dec. 28, Portage High School convened its own kind of reunion for past Student Council members.

Every year the Student Council president has a project to perform. For the 1983-84 school year, Student Council president Rajie Soundararajan built a bonfire for Homecoming. Last year, senior Jolene Gilbert took the office of presidency and her project was the reunion. Assisting Jolene throughout the reunion were juniors Jackie Thorn, chairperson, and Chris Carlson, assistant. "I'm real excited about (the reunion)," Jolene said.

Several topics were discussed during this event. Lists of accomplishments from the different councils throughout the years were highlighted. Slides from the 1983 Student Council state convention

held at PHS, and of the past national conventions, were shown. The reunion was basically a get together to see old council friends and to relive and talk about memories.

The preparation for this event took many hours. First, news releases were sent to many newspapers. Then, the committee for the reunion looked up parents' addresses to find members. Finally, invitations were written out and sent to them as far away as California and Rhode Island. Advisor Ron Hancock commented that since the members were "scattered", it was very "difficult" for many to participate.

The reunion attracted approximately 50 people. All the old members from 1980 through 1984 were invited, even though only the officers from 1970 through 1979 were invited. President Jolene commented, "The turnout was good." Many of the old members attended, while all the presidents from 1980 and on were present except for one who resides in Arizona.



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**STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS** — Front Row: Analiza Dilag, vice-president; Kristin Kurtz, treasurer; Jolene Gilbert, president; Mr. Ron Hancock, advisor. Row 2: Luis Bengero, sr. president; Lisa Wilkins, sr. secretary; Kelly Peterson, sr. vice-president. Row 3: Debbie Simola, jr. secretary; Kim Gumm, jr. vice-president; Cindy Roque, jr. treasurer; John Cannon, jr. president. Row 4: Wally McCormack, soph. president; Dee Dee Bullard, soph. vice-president; Tracey McDaniel, soph. treasurer; Kris Levenda, soph. secretary. Back Row: LeAnne Hoyt, fr. treasurer.

Juniors Debbie Selby and Chris Johns contributed to Spirit Week by dressing up on loga day.





During the holidays, Student Council decorated the cafeteria tables to help bring in the holiday spirit.

"Overall I think the council has worked hard."

Jolene Gilbert



**STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES** — Front Row: Donna Taylor, Bo Marriott Row 2: Kathy Schmetzer, Marc Terry, Ann Terry, Jackie Thorn. Row 3: Deanna Trapp, Tina Cassell, LeeAnn Radivan, Kathy Kilmurry. Back Row: Dawn Roque, Cami Gagna, Missy McGurran, Kerry Carr, Chris Benac.



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Sophomore Tricia Schmidt dances with Kyle Bagley at the Get Acquainted Dance sponsored by Student Council.



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**STUDENT COUNCIL HONORARY MEMBERS** — Front Row: Steve Cho, Deanna Markle, Tim O'Donovan, Jolene Gilbert. Row 2: Tracy Ingram, Tony LaMantia, Arpi Grunbaum, Chris Carlson, Stephanie Ball. Back Row: Steve Batides, Steve Roberts, Debbie Vaughn, Kelli Anderson.

# Science Club reinstated after 20 years

by Cathy Foley

The Science Club was started to provide an outlet for students with an interest in science beyond the classroom, according to Mrs. Pat Strawbridge, Science Club co-sponsor.

Why would a student join Science Club? "Because it sounded interesting and there really hasn't been a club like it for a long time," said junior Vera Czechanski. Junior Stephanie Ball said she joined "because it was something different and interesting."

A new club has many problems and Science Club was no exception. "We needed a constitution and we had nothing to base it on," explained Vera. Another problem was one of organization. Mrs. Strawbridge said, "We got started late in the year and that didn't help much."

One bright spot was the sale of posters. The posters sold well; however, "some of the posters were not sent by the company

or the wrong ones were sent; we were able to straighten things out," commented Vera. What about next year? Will the club sell posters? Vera said she would like to see something else sold. "After all, posters don't wear out in a year."

Meetings for Science Club were open, meaning anyone who was interested was invited to attend. At one meeting, Mr. Joe Koss discussed archaeology. "I'd like to see more discussion type meetings," said Stephanie.

Although the club had its share of problems, members did not give up. Mrs. Strawbridge said she would like to have a summer science camp taught by Science Club members. Another suggestion was to take a trip to the Dunes to see the spring wild flowers. Vera had the idea of the club entering a science project in the Science Fair. Even though the club got off to a slow start, club members hoped their next year would be better.

"The Thespians are a group of actors trying to bring the drama at PHS to what it should be."

- Joe Poirier



For Prom, SADD members displayed a skeleton in a Prom dress to discourage students from drinking and driving. SADD was a new club at PHS.

Junior Kelly Schwager and senior Rich Keel perform a duet during the spring play *The Fantasticks*. Persons who helped with the play received points towards their Thespian membership.



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**THESPIANS** — Front Row: Kelly Schwager, Cathy Cunningham, Rich Keel, Robyn Saurborn, Alan Mullins. Back

Row: Gina Giese, Bekki Frazier, Joe Pourier, Jim Giese, Bill White, Dave Luketich, Jeff Veluz.

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**SCIENCE CLUB** — Front Row: Rachel Junkin, Tracy Dash. Row 2: Vera Czechanski, Stephanie Ball, Kathy Mi-

chaels, Dawn Kyle, Cathy Foley, Elena Iatrola, Monty Groves. Back Row: Chris Vaughn.

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## The SADD Drinking-Driver Contract

*SADD suggests that students photocopy this contract and discuss it with their parents.*

**Teenager** I agree to call you for advice or transportation at any hour, from any place, if I am ever in a situation in which I have been drinking or a friend or date who is driving me has been drinking.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**Parent** I agree to come and get you at any hour, any place, no questions asked and no argument at that time, or I will pay for a taxi to bring you home safely. I expect we will discuss this issue at a later time. I agree to seek safe, sober transportation home if I am ever in a situation in which I have had too much to drink or a friend who is driving me has had too much to drink.

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Signature

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Date

Before a deadline the **Legend** staff often had an extra computer brought down from the media center. Sophomore Denise Kalina types sports copy into the computer.

Senior Sarah Bettis decorates a box for receiving poems and stories for **Saga**.

**News Bureau** sent stories and pictures to local newspapers. Duane Keleman and Paul Smenyak look for one of their stories in the **Vidette Messenger**.

"Last year we won the Golden Byline award for the **Pow Wow**. That makes us a little daring to try new things this year."

Stephanie Sherry



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## Apple helps to take out deadline hassle

by Daniel Junkin

Journalism staffers learned that it was truly advantageous to use computer equipment.

**Pow Wow** used a Compugraphic MDT (Mini Disk Terminal) 350 to set copy. Staffers typed their stories into the computer, correcting any mistakes on the screen. They could then determine the exact length the story would be in the newspaper from a paper printout.

"You don't have to estimate," said Shaun Busick, **Pow Wow** editor-in-chief. Shaun said that having the computer was "much better" than not having it.

Before the computer was purchased, **Pow Wow** material had been sent out to a professional publisher to be typeset and printed. With the computer and a new press in the print shop, the whole production process, from writing to printing, could be completed at school. The money saved allowed the staff to have larger issues with fewer ads and to buy some needed equipment.

**Legend** bought an Apple IIe computer system through Jostens, the yearbook printer. The deal included free installation and servicing for the Apple for 90 days.

**Legend** used the Apple to write and

edit copy and index, set headlines and place ads and cutlines. Although the computer had a layout program, Mrs. Debra Heitmann, journalism adviser, said that the program would mostly be used as a teaching aid.

"It limits our options in designing a spread," explained Rachel Junkin, **Legend** co-editor-in-chief.

Many of the staffers were uncomfortable with the computer in the beginning. "I didn't like it at first," junior Cathy Foley, a staffer, said. However, after using it a while she changed her mind.

"It's a lot easier fixing mistakes (on the computer)," said Foley, "(but) harder to turn in assignments on time."

Although **Pow Wow** hasn't reported any problems with computer software, **Legend** wasn't so lucky. In 1983-84 **Legend** staffers arranged their index on the Compugraphic, then saved in on what turned out to be faulty disks. They lost several sections. This year **Legend** lost seven completed pages, again because of a faulty disk. Fortunately, the staff had written copies of all the pages and was able to re-enter them on another disk.

Mrs. Heitmann summed up most of the staffers' feelings when she said, "It's really been fun."



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**SAGA** — Front Row: Jack Hubbard, Rich Alexander, Bekki Frazier, Alisa Norman. Row 2: Scott Bruce, Lori Wendrickx, Janet Winandy, Lynn Ann Russo, Dawn Winans. Back Row: Matt Davison, Dave Boyden, Tony Gregorash, Jim Droppa, Sarah Bettis, Gena Thompson.

**POW WOW** — Front Row: Robert Blaszkiewicz, Jolene Gilbert, Stephanie Sherry, Christy Dujmovich, Mickey Dunning. Row 2: Kelli Beattie, Tina Marani, Maria Fisher, Dave Lane, Traci Creviston. Back Row: Matt Hale, Mike Johnson, Shaun Busick, Wayne Thornton, Jill Longmore.



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**PHOTOGRAPHERS** — Front Row: Dave Jolly, Lewis Thomasino. Back Row: Lori Pollock, Charmaine Fessler.

Photographers Lewis Thomasino and Charmaine Fessler examine a picture on a negative strip. From the negatives photographers made contact sheets and prints.

**LEGEND** — Front Row: Candy Sherbit, Laura Haines, Amie Fielder, Dujon Kremke, Cathy Foley, Rachel Junkin. Row 2: Guy Maudlin, Scott Baker, Melissa Vernon, Traci Creviston, Lynda Shield, Julie Dixon. Back Row: Bobby Jones, Eric Smith, Renae Poffinbarger, Denny Darrow, Denise Kalina.



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# JROTC gets new image, makes its move

by Paul M. Smenyak

Once the object of jokes and ridicule, the JROTC program has gained respect.

Gy/Sgt. James Feeney, JROTC instructor, said "During the past six or seven years the JROTC has become an accepted portion of PHS." He explained that during the late 60's to early 70's there was an anti-military feeling because of the Vietnam conflict.

Those feelings were often taken out on JROTC members. He added, "People's concept of us now is much different than in the past."

Feeney conceded that not everybody respected the JROTC and some continued to harass members but said, "Those people that are anti-JROTC are usually also anti-band, anti-sports, anti-everything." Due partly to this recent respect and what Feeney termed "renewed patriotism and our current economic situation",

JROTC is experiencing rapid growth. Feeney said, "In the past few years our program has probably increased 30 per cent."

Senior Charles Bridges reported that he and other members of JROTC still took small amounts of abuse from other students, but he said, "We tried to just ignore it." Junior Chris Cleveland said, "You learn a lot of things you wouldn't normally learn in other class; such as discipline, respect and leadership, and those are important."

Junior Lori Shivalet said JROTC is gaining more respect. "A lot of 'popular' people are joining to pursue a military career and take part in all the benefits they get in the service." Junior Tony Nygra said, "More people are getting involved and taking it more seriously." Steve Kilgore added, "As you grow older you look upon things in a different way. Maybe the joke is getting a little old."



Junior Tony Nygra and sophomore C.T. Williams stand at attention before going in to perform at the JROTC Birthday Ball.

Maneuvering their M-14 rifles, seniors Kevin Gleason and Charles Bridges rehearse a drill.



photos by Thomasino

"It's a great program. It teaches citizenship and leadership. You only get out of it what you put into it."

Charles Bridges



Senior Jim Guerrero gives the Commandant's Message to the parents and guests of the corps at the JROTC Birthday Ball.



**Female Unarmed Exhibition** — **Front Row:** Rhonda Taylor, Carmen Castleman, Trish Junkin. **Back Row:** Lori Shivalec, Wanda Garren, Terri Tischbein, Mary Anne Santucci, Cathy Fraley.



**IDR A Team** — **Front Row:** Frank Osterkamp, Bill Dillin, Steve Kilgore, Jeff Olson, Alan Mullins. **Back Row:** Charles Bridges, Jeff Evans, Greg Hoots, C.T. Williams, Shawn Reed, Tony Nygra.



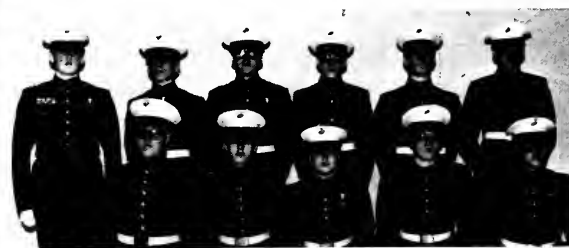
**Armed Exhibition Platoon** — **Front Row:** Ed Hopkins, Ron Hines, Ray Dunigan, Alan Mullins, Steve Kilgore, Chuck Bledsoe, Charles Bridges. **Back Row:** Frank Osterkamp, Shawn Reed, Fred Coleman, Jeff Olson, Bill Dillin, Greg Hoots, Jeff Evans, C.T. Williams.



**IDR C Team** — **Front Row:** Jim Thompson, Dan Cirullo, Rich Macys, Pat Trembly, Terry Garren. **Back Row:** Rich Logan, James Stewart, Dale Burchell, Don Sanders, Rich Brockway.



**Platoon IDR** — **Front Row:** Charles Bridges, Bill Dillin, Alan Mullins, Chris Cleveland, Greg Hoots, Chuck Bledsoe, Steve Godby, Greg Boswell. **Row 2:** Steve Kilgore, Frank Osterkamp, Ed Hopkins, Brian Marshall, Tony Nygra, Ron Hines, Lynn Wright, Dave Barnett, C.T. Williams. **Back Row:** Jeff Evans, Shawn Reed, Ray Dunigan, Jeff Olson, Greg Keehn, Fred Coleman, Tom Blankenship.



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**IDR B Team** — **Front Row:** Fred Coleman, Lynn Wright, Steve Godby, Greg Keehn, Chuck Bledsoe. **Back Row:** Ed Hopkins, Ron Hines, Ray Dunigan, Dave Barnett, Chris Cleveland, Tom Blankenship.

# Choraliers attract many student singers

by Laura Haines

**T**he experience of learning and performing" was one reason junior Kelly Schwager joined Choraliers and Symphonic Choir.

The vocal groups of PHS attract a lot of attention from students, as was evident by the large numbers of students involved in choir of any sort.

Senior Bill O'Reilly liked "going to a lot of places and meeting different people." As a member of both Choraliers and Symphonic Choir, he performed at Southlake Mall, Valeview Nursing Home, Valparaíso SELF Center (Special Education Learning Facility), mid-term graduation, and various elementary schools. The singing group also performed at a couple of area churches.

Two major changes in these vocal groups were made. First, the former A

Cappella Choir was changed to Symphonic Choir because "A Cappella denotes singing without accompaniment, and we don't always sing without the piano, so the name is misleading," choir director Mrs. Joanne Taylor said. Second, "style of outfits (of the Choraliers) has been brought up to a higher show choir standard," Mrs. Taylor added.

About 25 to 40 students attempt to be a Choralier, but only 16 make it. To be a Choralier, one has to try out and test satisfactorily in vocal ability, stage appearance, poise, dance ability, body rhythm, sight singing adeptness and general musicianship. Tryouts for each grade were on different days. Even the future freshmen had a chance to try out.

Boys had a better chance of becoming Choraliers because not many boys tried out, and an equal number of male and female performers was desired.



Seniors Michelle Foster and Bill O'Reilly and freshman Dawn Roque practice in the commons for a Choralier engagement.

Seventh/eighth hour Symphonic Choir practices for an upcoming concert. The name was previously A Cappella Choir.

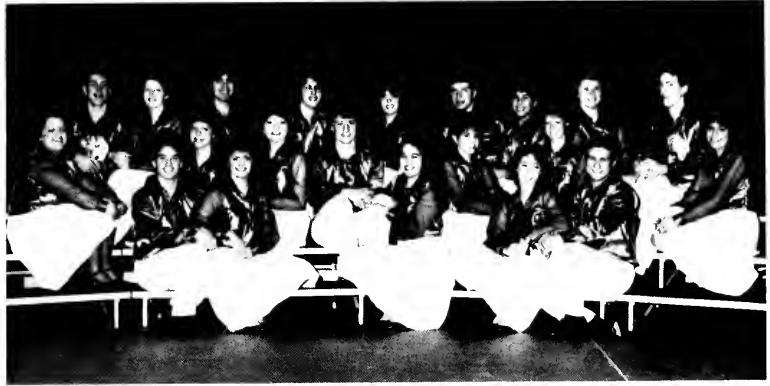
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**Senior** Choraliens Michelle Foster and Bob Walls perform at the Southlake Mall for a Christmas show.



**CHORALIENS — Front Row:** Joe Gillan, Michelle Foster, Mickey Dunning, Patrice Treadway, Matthew Matusiak.  
**Row 2:** Lynn Howerton, Lisa Peterson, Kelly Schwager, Bill O'Reilly, Dawn Roque, Cathy Cunningham, Kelly Kitchen.

**Back Row:** Louie Keseley, Lynae Phillips, Jeff Blevins, Bob Walls, Kim Noffsinger, Tim Kieler, Aaron Gallardo, Tracey Neubaum, Darren Locasto.



**SYMPHONIC CHOIR — Front Row:** Kim Noffsinger, Kelly Kitchen, Lisa Baldwin, Lynae Phillips, Kelly Schwager, Anita Buchanan, Dawn Roque, Tab Harmon, Tam McKee, Lynn Howerton, Amanda Hansell, Kelli Eckhard, Mrs. Joanne Taylor.  
**Row 2:** Sherry Camp, Tiffany Thompson, Michelle Ramirez, Jeanne Almquist, Kelly Morrow, Jackie Nairn, Lynne Strain, Michelle Brown, Melissa Fisher, Janelle Hile, Tracey Neubaum, Danielle Brown, Annika Hellman.

**Row 3:** Chris Robinson, Cheryl Hutman, Lewis Thomasino, Ron Heminger, Tim Anderson, Jay DePuma, Matthew Matusiak, Darren Locasto, Joe Gillan, Aaron Gallardo, Mickey Dunning, Lynne Kersten, Mary Trimble.  
**Back Row:** Michael Terhune, Sandi Igras, Misty Merritt, Gina Giese, James Land, Daniel Trent, Louie Keseley, Jeffrey Bliss, Jeff Blevins, Seth Irvin, Renae Poffinbarger, Laurie Gajdik, Heidi Fritz, Kay Owens.



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"I like to sing because it gives me joy. I take voice lessons, and I like to sing to the radio."

Lynne Kersten



# Singing in the mall new challenge for choirs

by Renae Poffinbarger

**H**old your head up, show a lot of teeth and relax" was heard from choir director Mrs. Joanne Taylor, right before the Freshman, Girls' Glee and Mixed Choirs performed.

Nerves were a big part of pre-concert activities. "I'm scared to death before we go on stage," said Phyllis Newberry, junior. "Even when we get on stage I'm still a little shaky." But performers had to push everything to the back of their minds because "the show must go on." After a few years of choir, "the jitters" became a thing

of the past.

These choirs, along with Symphonic Choir and Choraliers, gave a Christmas concert Dec. 7 at Southlake Mall. "It gives the public a good image of teenagers and our school," said freshman Ron Rohaley.

Rehearsals make or break a group. When a student misbehaved Mrs. Taylor could rely on the other choir members to settle down the offenders. "Sometimes it got out of hand," said senior Kim O'Boyle. "If the students didn't like a piece of music, they might put up a hassle, but usually they behaved o.k."



**GLEE CHOIR** — **Row 1:** Phyllis Newberry, Terrie Gilmore, Rhonda Taylor, Anne Lewis, Anita Buchanan, Sally Adams, Barb Kalina, Denise Stowers, Danielle Brown, Mary Trimble, Susan Striker, Terrie Goodenough. **Row 2:** Kathy Morris, Michell Wilson, Lisa Jackson, Dawn Mattox, Wanda Jo Tuttle, Tina Wilson, Lori Smith, Carolyn Thompson,

Shawna Moses, Gina Grochowski, Deanna Gunter, Tracee Likes. **Back Row:** Lisa Lawrence, Melody Beauchamp, Leanne Rahfeldt, Denise Milligan, Malissa Hord, Heidi Fritz, Melody Duff, Cindy Novak, Julie Singh, Lisa Floyd, Pam Rossiter, Beverly Plance.

"The mixed choir tries but they still have a way to go before they are as good as the other choirs. If they would work harder, they might be even better."

Jim Land





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**FRESHMAN CHOIR** — **Row 1:** DeeDee Jump, Julie Foster, Leasa Miller, Sarah Matusiak, Cathy Szallage, Jenny Parkinson, Audra Bedwell, Dana McCoy, Virginia Merry, Kelliyn Valetich, Ruth Kerezman, Summer Smith. **Row 2:** Kim Strom, Raquel Vargas, Viki Paviakovic, Debbie Wilson,

John Furlong, Daniel Junkin, Tim Costello, Charity Cole, Krissan Ross, Kim Lewis, Angie Brasser, Ann Walton. **Back Row:** Laurie Baldwin, Anita Roe, Diana Scott, Jennifer Kretz, Patti Ramey, Lisa Falls, Craig Kitchen, Rich Lewis, Ron Rohaley, Amy Monroe, Kim Kludt, Christie Thorn.



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**MIXED CHORUS** — **Front Row:** Tracy Helton, Char Gibson, Laura Gonzalez, Tabitha Orris, Anne Lewis, Tammy Lynn Lake, Tracei Likes, Kim Kearby, Gina Grochowski, Susan Striker, Vernie Taylor, Sandy Vandergriff. **Row 2:** Kathy Morris, Carolyn Thompson, Kendall Ross, Christine Keenan, Shane Saminiego, Mike Penix, Michelle

McCart, Dana Berger, Belinda Garus, Kelly Kitchen, Kim O'Boyle. **Back Row:** Kriss Cherne, Cheryl Haywood, Chris Biodrowski, Melynda Carpenter, Melody Beauchamp, Bob Sappington, John Clemans, Rob Sloan, James M. Land, Lisa Floyd, Barb Haslet, Debbie Knisely.

**At Southlake Mall** Mrs. Joanne Taylor directs freshman choir members through their Christmas concert.

**The Girls' Glee choir** performed three songs and the mass number at the Christmas concert.

# 'Just getting started': orchestras

by Melissa Vernon

Mr. Ray Grivetti, PHS orchestra director, said that he came to direct here at Portage three years ago from Hobart schools because he received a "better offer from Portage that he couldn't refuse." Mr. Grivetti said that he planned on staying here at Portage "forever."

In the 17 years that he taught at Hobart he had one student that achieved some sort of fame when he was selected for the Louisville symphony. Some of his students have become teachers themselves.

Although his time here has been short, he said he "loves it here" and "it's great!" Besides directing the orchestras at PHS, Mr. Grivetti also taught at the Portage

middle schools. When given a choice between teaching beginning students and directing more advanced students, he said he preferred to direct the advanced students, but even the more advanced students didn't always take their music seriously. He commented that students sometimes liked to play challenging music and sometimes preferred to have easy pieces of music.

Mr. Grivetti said that he was looking forward to next year to be his best year so far. He believed that for the past three years the orchestra had been building, and that next year they will probably be at their best. This year at contest the orchestras did very well. The symphonic orchestra received the highest rating of the day at the contest, while the concert orchestra received the second highest rating of all the schools that participated.



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**SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA VIOLAS — Front Row:** Debbie Parker, Kim Caywood, Mike Hall, Chris Timberman, Melanie Oness. **Back Row:** Kim Rains, Pat Gnienadek, Wes Roe, Bob Walls, Tina Hays, Sandy Rohaley.



**CONCERT ORCHESTRA CELLOS AND BASSES — Front Row:** Jim Shirvinski, Maria Joseph, Phil Moore, Elena Iatrola. **Back Row:** Jim Utley, David Lopez, Carrie Karabin, Cathy Huey.



**CONCERT ORCHESTRA FIRST AND SECOND VIOLINS — Front Row:** Marissela Villanueva, Debbie Vaughn, Gloria Minder, Julia Popp, Trisha Bono, Denise Czechanski, Jasmina Kincheloe. **Row 2:** Paula Richmond, Michelle Smock, Angie Tenorio, Kim Gajdik, Gayle Broda, Beth Simola, Barb Ruch. **Back Row:** Laura Evans, Doug Draia, Scott Hoesman, Connie Ewen, Rich McGuire, Beth Soltis, Bruce Starr.



Mr. Ray Crivetti, director of the PHS orchestra for the past three years, directs the orchestra during the concert held at PHS.

**SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA FIRST VIOLINS** — Front Row: Ramona Guernsey, Chris Pepper, Shelley Schmidt, Laura Winkle, Paula Boswell. Row 2: Nadine Sekerez, Lisa Buchwalter, Keith Fitefield, Debbie Simola. Back Row: Karen Atkins, David Miller, Lewis Stahl, Brian Batronis, Amy Pio.



**FRESHMAN ORCHESTRA VIOLAS** — Front Row: Judy Hancock, Dawn Johns, Roman Miestowski. Back Row: Angela Rithaler, Shawn Green, Dawn Lewis.

"I like the orchestra better (than middle school orchestra) because it's more exciting, there are more people, and we go more places."

Jim Shirvinski



**SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA SECOND VIOLINS** — Front Row: Chris Ritz, Tammy Kowal, Sharon Huey, Linda Smith, Patty Punnes, Sally Adams. Row 2: Kim Poe, Lisa Mabe, Dawn Kalina, Tracey Neubaum, Stacy Book. Back Row: Pat Huey, Donna Potter, Will Breunig, Arpi Horzsa, Tracey Nissen, Josie Lent.

**SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA BASSES AND CELLOS** — Front Row: Dujon Kremke, Pam Allande. Row 2: Joy Brown, Tonia Hays, Susan Belancin, Jocelyn Smothermon. Row 3: Keith Hoeckelberg, Denise Kalina, Denise Gumm. Back Row: Eric Pohl, Jeff Winegar, Jim Campbell, Denise Winders.

# The beat goes on and on for Marching Band

by Cathy Foley

Why would some students go through the torture of getting up at 7:30 in the morning during summer vacation? To go to marching band practice, of course.

The Marching Indians worked very hard to prepare for the football season. Summer practices ran daily from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. the last two weeks of August. When school started the band rehearsed every Tuesday and Thursday after school until 4:30. Sometimes there was a practice on Wednesday from 6:30-8 p.m.

Some people ask whether it is all worth it — practicing in the heat, performing in the cold, not to mention the aching feet.

Rocky Orenick, junior, said it was. "It gives you a sense of satisfaction to be able

to say 'I'm good'."

Jenny Stickland, junior, agreed, "It makes you feel good when you get out there and do it right."

Marching band did have problems, though. Not as many students from middle schools showed interest in the band as had in the past. Also, too many students were absent at rehearsals. Because of these problems, Mr. Tom Jacobson, music coordinator, went before a music sponsors meeting to suggest that the Marching Indians would not participate in any more competitions. Outraged band members staged a picket to prove that they did care about the Marching Indians. The outcome was the band could play at parades, Music Bowl and football games; however, district competitions were out for an indefinite amount of time.



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**Marching Indians-Front Row:** Beth Vernallis, mascot "She-Bo", Jonna Smothermon. **Row 2:** Melanie Oness, April Scott, Mandi Hamman, Michelle Brown, Sharon Daniels, Staci Miller, Margaret Cary, Linda Smith, Kim Poe, Karen Moore, Kathy Wrigley. **Row 3:** Denise Winders, Lisa Buchwalter, Tabetha Brindza, Suzanne Migoski, Lynnette Strain, Marsha Hurst, Michelle Wayne, Karen Clem, Pam Coster, Shelly Chatwell. **Row 4:** Jeneen Winders, Tammy Buckner, Jamie Corbett, Julie Seigh, Shelly Lazear, Shane Samaniego, Darrell Westmoreland, Chris Sulcer, Lewis Stahl, Amanda Hansell, Lisa Peterson, Chris Pepper. **Row 5:** Pat Huey, Rocky Orenick, Shelley Schmidt, Vicki Caywood, Kelly Polahl, Kathy Moye, Stacie Neubaum, Faith Carter, Tina Sulich, Kim Tarrant, Barb Olson, Karen Atkins. **Row 6:** Todd Warner, June Osterkamp, Diana Slease, Vahona Richardson, Jamie Zehner, Jennifer Johnson, Charmae Fessler, Janelle Hile, Melissa Burch, Terri Kirk, Dan-

jelle Brown. **Row 7:** Wendy Bragg, Carmen Badillo, Sandy Green, Elena Iatarola, Kathy Michael, Debbi Daniels, Melissa Welther, Sharon Malls, Julie Foster, Dawn Leeper, Angie Brasser, Laurie Stanley, Brenda Charron. **Row 8:** Mike Osterkamp, David Kubiak, Jenny Strickland, Kevin Powrozek, Jackie Nairn, Candy Sherbit, Eric Smith, Tom Hunt, Steve Evans, Theresa Pajor, Dawn Kyle, Bob Jones, Phil Moore. **Row 9:** Jeff Kestner, Tom Horvath, Scot Bradley, Chris Kaufman, Guy Maudlin, Monty Groves, Brian Batronis, Raymond Dunigan, Ken Thompson, Andrea Nelson, Michele Ramirez, Tom Gross. **Row 10:** Eric Thomas, Brian Neary, Dave Williams, Shawn Green, Debbie Stowers, Shawn Yates, Scott Baker, Steve Miller, Jim Migoski, John Sabovcik, Allen Batton. **Back Row:** Vicki Hopkins, Cathy Huey, Joe Gillan, Jim Haskell, Devon Austin, Shaun Busick, Stephanie Ball, Chris Cleveland, Chris Vaughn, David Miller, Dale Cruise.





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**Don Smith, junior,** and Chris Kaufman, sophomore, play a song to cheer the PHS team to victory.

**Performing a routine** with the Marching Indians is Jill Longmore, sophomore. The Auxiliary Corps and the band are considered one unit.



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"It's a lot of hard work, but in the end it's worth it."

Shelly Chatwell



**John Sabovcik, senior,** and David Joseph, sophomore, lead the trumpets at a football game.

**Playing the xylophone** is junior Chris Pepper. Chris also wears sunglasses to shade his eyes.



**Concert Band — Flutes, Bassoon — Front Row:** Jan-  
 een Winders, Sheila Thacker, Becky Russell, Bev Sob-  
 kowski, Stacie Neubaum. **Back Row:** Shelley Schmidt,  
 Charmaine Fessler, Melissa Burch, Andrea Nelson, Angie  
 Nelson, Jamie Zehner.

**Concert Band — Trumpets, Trombones — Front  
 Row:** Amy Lush, April Ort, Mike Younger, Ronda Jackson,  
 Guy Maudlin, Mike Hall, Ken Thompson. **Back Row:** Chris  
 Kautman, Ralph Swisher, Brian Batronis, Tom Horvath,  
 Chris Vaughn, Jeff Kestner, Scott Wentz.



Sophomore Brian Batronis warm up be-  
 fore a performance by playing a few notes on  
 the tuba.

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Just before a concert, sophomores Charmaine  
 Fessler and Becky Russell rehearse a difficult line in  
 their music.

**Concert Band — Clarinets, Saxophones — Front  
 Row:** Annette Rivera, Sandy Caldwell, Mandi Hamman,  
 Sandy Green, Candy Sherbit. **Row 2:** Tina Evans, Tawney  
 Morgan, Vahona Richardson, Tracey McDaniel, Jim Nolan.  
**Back Row:** Denise Gumm, Eric Smith, Kevin Reed, Steve  
 Evans, Bob Jones.

**Concert Band — French Horn, Percussion, Baritone  
 — Front Row:** Amy Isaac, Scott Baker, Debbie Stowers.  
**Row 2:** Amanda Hansell, John Romeo, Ken Thompson,  
 Todd Warne. **Back Row:** Julie Seigh, Hans Rees, Shane  
 Samaniego.



"Band has helped my concentration during other classes, and improved my dexterity."

Denise Gumm



**FIRST JAZZ BAND** — Front Row: Mandi Hamman, Theresa Pajor, Jim Migoski, Brian Neary. Row 2: Melinda Dy, Pam Allande, Chris Vaughn, Mike Hall, Alan Batton. Back Row: Mark Price, Brad Vernalis, John Sabovcik, Scot Bradley, Mike Hall, Mr. Robert Symer.

**SECOND JAZZ BAND** — Front Row: John Franklin, Tom Hunt, Kelly Polahl, John Chessor. Row 2: Jai Marsden, Julie Popp, Mike Fike, Dale Cruse, Les Smock, Eric Thomas, Cathy Huey. Back Row: Brian Robbins, Tom Horvath, Bill Sanders, Valerie Buxbaum, Wayne Byarlay, Mike Baker, Mr. Robert Symer.



**Seniors** John Sabovcik and Jim Migoski do a duet at the Christmas Jazz Band concert. The concert featured Jamey Abersold and his band.

## Concert to Symphonic: it takes preparation

by Scott Baker

Starting in seventh grade, band students began to learn how to play their instruments. As time passed, they became better, until finally their 10th grade year of concert band arrived.

Concert band was mainly made up of sophomores. This class prepared band students for symphonic band, an advanced band class for juniors and seniors. Some sophomores were also in the class. Playing harder music and learning difficult rhythms were a part of concert band. A lot of effort and hours of practice were needed to do the job well. "Patience and understanding is how music is put together," said sophomore Mandi Hamman.

"Each year I learn more about my instrument and the music," explained sophomore Becky Russell.

Band helped students in other areas. For example, senior Debbie Stowers said, "Concert band, as well as all the other areas of music at PHS, has given me a lot of musical experience, and I feel that it will help ready me for studying music further."

Sophomore Todd Warne explained, "Concert band has helped me in my playing ability of harder songs."

Also, being in a band can be fun. "Performing at concerts and receiving a perfect score at contest can be especially rewarding," said sophomore Pat Huey.

Furthermore, some band students were seriously thinking about music as a career. Sophomore Steve Evans said, "I plan to go to college to be a music teacher and/or director." Hamman wanted to teach clarinet lessons privately, and Wayne wanted to be in his own band.

# Symphonic Band misses State by a hair

by Melissa Broyhill

Many of the 1984-85 Symphonic Band members were disappointed after they found out they didn't qualify for state competition in Indianapolis.

Seventy-two high school bands participated in a qualifying contest to go to state finals. There were six bands at the state finals that did not receive scores as high as the PHS band, but due to a misunderstanding, received more recommendation votes from four judges. This enabled those six bands to advance to the state finals while the Portage band was not able to go.

"I was upset about not being able to go downstate, but there is nothing we could do about it," sophomore Mandi Hamman replied. "We deserved to go down state!"

Mr. Martin Sensenbaugh, band direc-

tor at both PHS East and West, seemed to be respected very highly by the members of the band. "Mr. Sensenbaugh is one of my favorite teachers ever! He knows how to motivate us," said junior Rocky Orenick. "Mr. Sensenbaugh is a great director," junior Theresa Pajor said with emphasis and then added, "He stands us on firm ground." One junior, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "Mr. Sensenbaugh is a real nice guy. He understands us. He's like my second dad."

A great majority of the students in band felt that the band was not being supported as it should have been. About 90 per cent of the people in the audience at each performance were band members' parents.

Mr. Sensenbaugh said the band was doing very well and that the group was very musical.



"I feel we did good at contest and it was a disappointment that we did not go to State."

Mandi Hamman

**SYMPHONIC BAND: Flutes and Saxophones —**  
**Front Row:** Kim Tarrant, Faith Carter, Barb Olson, Shelley Schmidt, Brenda Charron. **Row 2:** Theresa Pajor, Dawn Leeper, Dawn Kyle, Dreama Powell. **Back Row:** Jim Migoski, Dave Miller, Brian Neary, Bob Walls, Tom Hunt.

While playing the "Star Spangled Spectacular", Conductor Martin Sensenbaugh desperately tries to keep the band together.

Juniors Steve Kilgore and Danielle Brown intensely practice for an upcoming performance.



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**SYMPHONIC BAND: Clarinets and Bassoon —**  
**Front Row:** Danielle Brown, Shelly Lazear, Jackie Nairn, Diana Slease, Carmen Badillo. **Row 2:** Rocky Orenick, Mandi Hamman, Jenni Strickland, Debi Daniels. **Back Row:** Tammy Kowal, Vicki Smith, Steve Kilgore, Beth Vernallis, Janeen Winders.



**SYMPHONIC BAND: Trombones, Tubas, and Percussion —**  
**Front Row:** Jamie Corbett, Pat Huey, Randy Neary, Stephanie Ball, Darrell Westmoreland. **Row 2:** Vicki Hopkins, Mike Iliff, Jim Haskell, Chris Cleveland, Devon Austin, Ed Swisher. **Back Row:** Alan Batton, Shaun Busick, Tim Kiefer, Louie Zimmerman, Lewis Stahl, David Whittinghill.



Junior Alan Batton puts his tricks of the trade to work in second hour Symphonic Band.



Senior Mike Iliff and junior Stephanie Ball muster up the muscle to bring forth sounds from the low brass section.



**SYMPHONIC BAND: Trumpets —**  
**Front Row:** Michele Ramirez, Mike Jetmund, Monty Groves. **Row 2:** Scot Bradley, Brian Battonis, Mike Osterkamp, Don Smith. **Back Row:** Steve Miller, John Sabovcik, Brad Vernallis.

**FRESHMAN BAND: Clarinets and Flutes — Row 1:** Julie Foster, Jennifer Guemsey, Erin Strain, Tina Baker, Valerie Vaclavik, Lucy Lucas. **Back Row:** Vickie Caywood, Chris Reese, Mary Lute, Julie Singh, Jennifer Johnson, Pam Butler.

**FRESHMAN BAND: Flutes and Saxophones — Front Row:** Kathy Dash, Jennifer Patellis, Andy Brown, Terri Kirk, Dara Berger, Angie Brasser. **Row 2:** Tim Costello, Kim Strom, Tina Sulich, Melissa Welther, Allen Lewis. **Back Row:** Jim Utley, Wendell Hays, John Chessor, Amy Monroe, Mike Verboon, Phil Moore.



**FRESHMAN BAND: Clarinets — Front Row:** Tom Prosser, Kara Morin, Beth Simola, Debbie Zielinski, Tina Blachly. **Row 2:** Steffanie Graveline, Heather Nally, Donna Utley, Kim Thompson. **Back Row:** Kelly Pofahl, Brian Robbins, Kevin Powrozek, Melissa Broyhill, Debi Daniels.

While in her band class, Elena Iatarola watches the conductor on a pause.



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Practicing for an upcoming concert, the freshman band works on the clarinet part.

# Freshman contest entrants enthused

Freshman band members must have felt a lot like Rodney Dangerfield, the comedian who moaned, "I don't get no respect." After leaving junior high school and finally becoming high schoolers, the band members still had to participate in a junior high contest.

Cathy Huey, freshman, said the freshman band should be able to participate in the high school contest. "I feel that we are a part of the high school now," Huey said.

Mr. Martin Sensenbaugh, director, ex-

plained, "Ninth grade has always been considered as junior high."

Although the freshman band participated in a junior high competition, band members were still enthusiastic about contest. Freshman band member Tina Sulich said, "Contests are good. They are challenging for me, and it makes us work harder."

"I feel our band contest went well," freshman Julie Singh said. "We all tried our best and it showed because we all

came out to be winners."

Kara Morin, freshman, said, "The contests usually come out sounding good, except for a few mistakes here and there. Most kids try very hard to be their best."

"We progressed well within the year," commented another student. "Mr. Sensenbaugh taught us a lot. We couldn't have played half the music at the beginning of the year that we did at the end."



"Contests are good — they see how good you can be with practice."

Debbie Zielinski



**Freshman Band: French Horn and Trombones —**  
**Front Row:** Gene Hopkins, Denise Charlson, Eric Thomas, Ed Sanders, Tom Kulavik. **Row 2:** Matt Hill, Brian Kyle, Marc Cleveland, David Kalina, Mike Fike. **Back Row:** Chris Benac, Shawn Green, Rich Smith, Brian Oster, Gene Evers.

**Freshman Band: Clarinets —** **Front Row:** David Kubiak, Kathy Moya, Stacy Autry, Sandee Joseph, Debbie Bozman, Kerry Durich. **Row 2:** Kathy Michaels, Lori Wahlman, Wendy Bragg, Tam Wood, Bev Sabie. **Back Row:** Amy Levenda, Pat McDonald, Mitch Degatino, Mike Long, Elena Iatarola.

Practicing for an upcoming concert the freshman band work on the clarinet part.

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## A growing city

by Rachel Junkin

**W**e are fighting for survival. This city was hurt by the recession. The steel mills were hit hard and hundreds of workers were laid off. Many people moved away to find jobs. However, the city did not give up. Recovery and encouragement to new businesses, large and small, were and are main priorities. Portage is being reconstructed to improve its potential for strong economic development.

The mayor of Portage, Mr. Robert Goin, said many reasons prompt industries to move into the Portage area. Indiana's tax structure is favorable for business development. Locally, a tremendous highway and railroad system is an asset. Also, businesses in the area have access to a deep

sea port which can reach any port in the world. Because of the number of persons laid off by the steel mills, a highly skilled labor force is available.

One way Portage is trying to attract new industries is by creating a free duty zone. If industries built there, they wouldn't have to pay taxes on foreign imports.

Also, the city has worked closely with Bethlehem Steel Corp. in the development of 800 acres as a planned light industrial and commercial area. This land could be used for industries, office buildings and restaurants.

In the past, Portage has basically been a bedroom community for the steel mills. However, the city is trying to change that. Mayor Goin said, "I'm very optimistic about growth in Portage." He added that,

although recovery might come slowly, it will be a strong recovery.

To sell the city of Portage to possible businesses, a brochure was being planned to advertise the city's strengths and advantages. Also, the city was being audited and every aspect of Portage was being catalogued. The auditing was done by a special class at PHS called Community Relations.

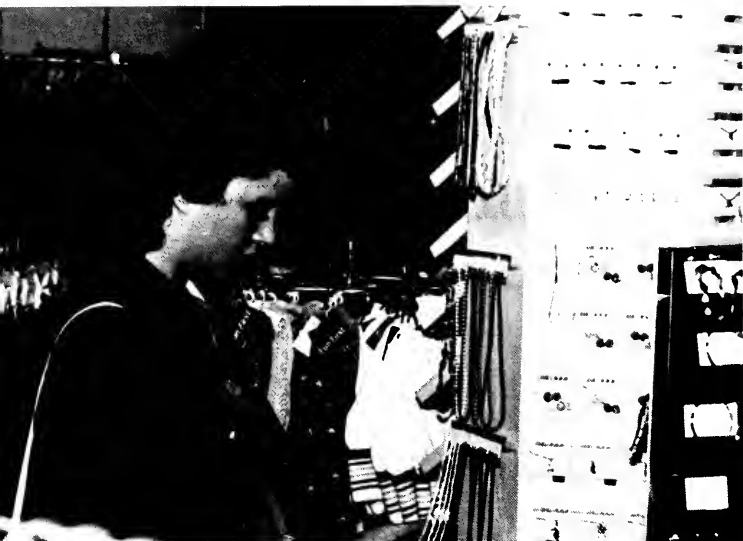
One business that was already moving into the area was Metro-Metals. This company planned to start out by employing 70 fulltime workers from the area and, if its potential was reached, increase its workforce to 130 employees.

**Robert Dean Jones Sr.** shows Homecoming Queen Lisa Wilkins a necklace at B.J.'s Coins & Jewelry.



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**Gena Thompson**, senior, takes advantage of a sale at Blair's. Blair's was one of the few clothing stores in Portage for students.

**During a German Club meeting** junior Stacey Dillon enjoys a can of Seven-Up. Teens are major consumers of all types of soft drinks.

**Charlotte Ahrendt**, sophomore, makes an ice cream cone at the Portage Dairy Queen. From February to October the two local Dairy Queens helped people keep cool.

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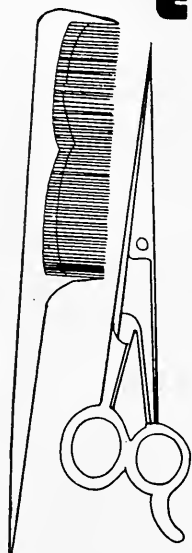
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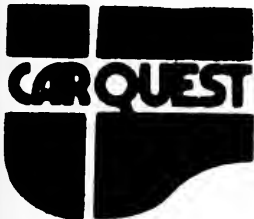
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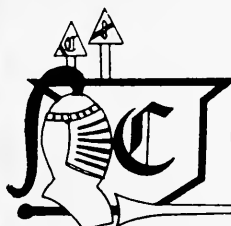
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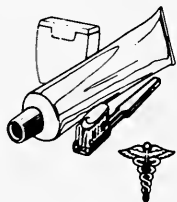
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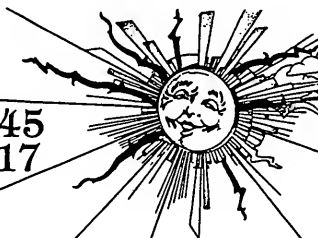
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**Mom, Dad, Eric**

**Lorrie Martin:**

May the wind be at your back, your putts always straight and your life be as a hole in one. Wishing you faith, hope, happiness and love as you will always be our baby. Congratulations!

**Mom & Dad**

**Little Lorrie:**

Congratulations! You're no longer a regular school student. He! He! Have a great summer. Looking forward to seeing you at Purdue next year.

**Your brother, Bill**

**Dawn Irene,**

May all your dreams come true.

**Love, Mom, Dad, Melissa,  
David**

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**Kenny "Moose" Nolan:**

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**Congratulations, you did it great, Michelle.**

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Dave.**

**Susie:**

May all your dreams come true. I hope you make it to Hawaii, or wherever you find happiness. Enjoy life, dance, be merry and always smile.

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**Cory,**

You are a strange son but a sharp dresser. I think! Look out world, here he comes.

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**Love ya, MaMa.**

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One of the less attended sports was soccer. Though there might not have been many in attendance, parts of the crowd were exuberant.



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Quiet times in the commons were quite rare since the commons were "the place to be" during lunch and before and after school.

"Don't Booze It; You'll Lose It," was the SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk) slogan for Prom '85. A skeleton from the health department in a borrowed Prom dress helped put the point across.



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Friday, May 24, was a reason to party for the class of '85. Seniors brought juice in bottles and cakes to school to help celebrate "the last day."

Senior Tim Kunstek leads the "Black Knights" on a journey through the wilds of Meadowbrook Farm during a leadership excursion.



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## End of year brings tears

by Amie Fielder  
and Rachel Junkin

All the statistics have been tallied. The grade averages are figured, awards given out and accomplishments measured. However, we are more than just names in a book and records to be tallied. We are individuals who together form PHS and made this year unique.

On June 4, each student completed one-fourth more of his high school career. As the weather warmed a bad case of senioritis set in. It struck not only seniors, but also most juniors and a few sophomores. As freshmen normally are a little different, it was hard to analyze the effects of this epidemic on the West building. Teachers, also, had to fight the urge to

forget papers and spend sunny days on the golf course.

Although vacation was longed for, many students had trouble saying goodbye. At end-of-the-year banquets tears often flowed freely as seniors realized they would never see many of their classmates again. College, marriage, jobs and even unemployment lay in the immediate future for those graduating. This future was exciting, but it was also a little scary. High school was forever behind them. Yet, the memories would always be there. Being trapped for hours by a blizzard, beating Hammond Morton at Homecoming, having Prom at the Merrillville Holiday Inn for the last time, winning the cross country state title, losing to LaPorte in the tennis sectionals — these were all special events

of the year.

Ruby Skultety, a Bolivian exchange student, said her fondest memory from this year was "when my Spanish class gave me a party. I felt the class was all my friends and they were demonstrating affection." The girls on the tennis team were sure to remember beating LaPorte for the first time in tennis history. Boys' track qualified more members for regionals than ever before. The senior class started an Academic Hall of Fame, and students who did well academically received more recognition than in previous years.

More than memories remain, though, for we are Portage High School. The students, the teachers, the faculty, the alumni, and the cooks and janitors all make PHS.



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